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'Border is open, not legally but factually'

Kurds flooding into Turkey despite closure

By Andrew Finkel in Ankara and Our Foreign Staff

A QUARTER of a million Kurds were said last night to have crossed into Turkey from Iraq, even though the Ankara government continued to insist that it could not accept a mass influx.

"The Turkish border is open — not legally, but factually," the regional governor, Hayri Kozakcioglu, said. Some 246,000 refugees had been allowed in from northern Iraq and another 150,000 were on the way.

A Turkish army officer said a camp for 100,000 had been set up and truckloads of people were being moved there, but the refugees were not being allowed beyond the immediate border zone.

Ankara has repeatedly said that it cannot cope with the vast numbers of people struggling across the snow-covered mountains to escape President Saddam Hussein's forces. It has demanded international action, both to deal with the refugees and to put pressure on Saddam to end the violence that is driving the people from their homeland. In the absence of such action, Turkey has declared its border closed, but the real status of the frontier remains confused.

The United Nations high commission for refugees said Turkey was obliged to admit the refugees. "In the case of a massive influx, there are humanitarian and international obligations incumbent upon states to grant asylum and safe haven," a senior official said. The commissioner, Sadako Ogata, said: "The borders are probably not completely open, but there seem to be possibilities of crossing."

The flight from Iraq continued unabated yesterday, in spite of an amnesty announced by the ruling revolutionary command council. Baghdad offered to pardon Kurds, other than those who had "committed murder, rape and looting during acts of riot and treason", saying that those who had fled abroad had two weeks to report back to the Iraqi authorities.

A Kurdish Democratic Party spokesman in Syria said the offer was a sick joke. "The fleeing Kurds have witnessed massacres. They have been hunted down by Iraqi helicopters while they were escaping to the hills. They will not return so long as Saddam is in power. They would rather die of hunger and cold than be killed by his army."

Nato yesterday took the toughest line of any international body so far in denouncing Iraq's treatment of the Kurds. A statement issued after a meeting of ambassadors from the 16 member nations in Brussels said that Nato held the Iraqi government responsible for massive violations of human rights and added that every pressure must be brought to bear by the international community to stop the repression without delay.

Later, the United Nations Security Council considered a French draft resolution condemning the repression of Iraqi civilians and insisting that Baghdad "engage in open dialogue to ensure the human and political rights of all citizens are respected". The draft, which was expected to be the subject of a close vote, also calls on Iraq to allow international humanitarian organisations access to all those in need of help.

Besides the plight of the Kurds, the International Committee of the Red Cross fears for people all over Iraq, and it issued a statement yesterday saying there were "clear warning signs of a major health catastrophe."

A Red Cross team carrying emergency relief is moving north from Baghdad to Kurdistan to assess needs there. Two British planeloads of supplies touched down in Ankara yesterday, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, appealed for more money to help the refugees. The UN's Sadako Ogata also appealed for $43 million (£24 million) to provide shelter and food.

Kurdish leaders said that 120 children had died near the city of Rania, 20 miles from the Iranian border, but there were no accurate figures available for the numbers who had succumbed to the cold, hunger and Saddam's helicopter gunships.

The rebels insisted, however, that the fight against Saddam would continue, even though the uprising appeared to have been crushed. "Our people are dying constantly, but this does not mean that we will surrender or abandon our resistance to the terrorism of Saddam," a Kurdish Democratic Party spokesman said.

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Atlantic fury: storm-force winds send huge waves crashing into the Four Lighthouse, forming a wall of foam off the Finistère coast, north-western France

Refuge in the snowy peaks

*Kurds wounded as they fled have found a haven, **Michael Binyon** reports from Hakkari on the Turkish frontier*

They lie silent on their beds in the scruffy mountain hospital, crushed by the enormity of what they have seen and endured.

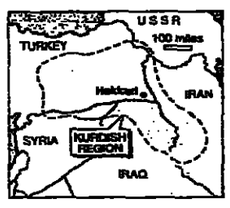
Nesli Suleima is only 25 but looks 40. Her eyes are dulled, her story horrifying. With thousands of other Kurds, she fled in terror from President Saddam Hussein's troops a week ago, carrying her four-year-old boy on her back. The Iraqi soldiers began firing as she struggled up the mountain pass. A bullet hit her chest and she fell to the ground, her child with her. When she regained consciousness the child was gone and she has never seen him again. She presumes he is dead.

Across the ward, a young mother who would not give her name nurses her little boy. He lies curled up, silent, his neck bandaged where bullets hit him.

She has four children, but the others are separated from her now and are safe, she hopes, with her mother and thousands of other refugees in the makeshift camp on the bare mountainside in Semdinli about 60 miles away on the Iraqi border. She has not seen her husband since they fled from Dahuk. The Turks separated him. Few of the men have been allowed in with their families.

"He cries for his father everyday: 'Where is he? Where is he?'," she said. "Where shall I go in Turkey? What shall I do here?" She told me of a terrible eight-

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'Genocide' protesters ransack embassy office

By Peter Victor

THIRTY-ONE Kurdish demonstrators, protesting at what they said was Saddam Hussein's genocide of Kurds in Iraq, were arrested yesterday after they stormed and ransacked Iraqi embassy premises in Kensington, central London.

Fourteen occupied an adjoining annexe to the embassy for three and a half hours, surrendering to armed police after it was agreed that they could shout their grievances to waiting press from a fifth floor window.

The demonstrators charged the building, at 9.30am. A group of 50 men overpowered four policemen, two of them armed, on duty outside the embassy. They failed to get into the embassy proper at 21 Queen's Gate but 14 of them forced a door on number 22, an adjoining annexe. A further 30 demonstrators were prevented from forcing their way in. They threw documents and pictures of Saddam out of windows, setting fire to some as well as to the Iraqi flag.

Police surrounded the building and shut off all surrounding roads. Armed officers, Special Branch and Territorial Support Group officers were called in.

Kate Weatherell, aged 26, manager of Bistro 190 in Queen's Gate, said: "I saw about 20 of them running in through the door shouting and screaming. They were hanging out of windows on the third floor and throwing files and documents onto the street. For a while the pavement below looked like it was on fire because they had thrown so much burning paper out."

Zahir Ibrahim, Iraqi charge d'affaires, and his two non-diplomatic support staff remained in the embassy proper guarded by two armed police officers. Armed police entered the building through the basement of the adjoining embassy and established that the demonstrators had barricaded themselves into an office on the fifth floor. Police negotiators were brought in under armed guard to speak to them.

Shortly after midday the demonstrators indicated their willingness to give themselves up if they could speak to the assembled press. A protester speaking through a megaphone from a window said: "We are a peaceful people. Saddam is killing our people. The international community has a responsibility and should stop the genocide. We need your help."

At 12.50pm the first of the demonstrators appeared, flanked by two TSG officers in riot gear, his hands bound by plastic handcuffs. The last was removed at 1.50pm.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry, in charge of police operation, confirmed that live ammunition had been found inside the embassybut could not confirm the protesters' claims about bombs in the building.

☐ Gunfire from the Iraqi Consulate in Istanbul killed a protester as demonstrators stoned the building. Shots also were fired at demonstrators at the Iraqi Embassy in Prague.

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Stranded seamen rescued by helicopter

By Lin Jenkins

STORMS sweeping across the Atlantic brought high winds and driving rain to the west coast of Ireland, south west England, and northern France yesterday.

The master and some of the crew of a French factory ship were forced to abandon ship when gales smashed her onto rocks off southern Ireland. Most of the 60 men aboard had already been lifted off by helicopter.

The captain and some of his crew stayed aboard the Capitaine Plevin II to monitor a salvage operation as pumping gear was brought in. But a strong swell threatened to sink the vessel.

The captain and his remaining crew were airlifted by three RAF and Irish Air Corps helicopters to Black Head in Galway Bay. Harvey O' Keefe, a commandant with the Irish Air Corps, described the rescue as "a difficult but textbook exercise".

The London Weather Centre forecast last night that more storms were on the way with heavy showers.

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US divided over neutral stance

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE first opinion polls on President Bush's refusal to help the Kurdish rebels yesterday showed an American people torn between a desire to put the Gulf war behind them and alarm at the atrocities being perpetrated by President Saddam Hussein.

The results offered some encouragement to Mr Bush, whose hands-off policy is being widely condemned in the American media. A poll in *The Washington Post* showed 69 per cent support for the president's attitude to the postwar civil disorder in Iraq. However, detailed questions showed less of a consensus.

Fifty-five per cent said the United States should not have ended the war with Saddam still in power. Asked if America should help the Kurdish and Shia rebels overthrow Saddam, 45 per cent said yes and 51 per cent said no. Among the 45 per cent who thought the United States should help the rebels, there was 78 per cent support for grounding Iraqi helicopter gunships, 71 per cent support for sending US military advisers to help the rebels and 63 per cent support for supplying them with weapons.

A smaller *USA Today* poll showed 55 per cent support for non-intervention.

The president said on Thursday that he would not allow "precious American lives" to be "sucked" into an Iraqi civil war. A spokesman said: "It would be the height of Vietnam folly."

But even as Mr Bush headed for yet another salute to American armed forces in Los Angeles yesterday, the media onslaught continued. *The Washington Post* carried no less than four separate columns denouncing his lack of action.

However, Samir al-Khalil, a leading Iraqi academic, said there were tens of thousands of refugees in the area of Iraq occupied by United States forces. "I am convinced that if they are abandoned to Iraqi forces, they will be murdered, utterly and completely ... what you have there is another Cambodia."

Yeltsin routs his communist foes

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

BORIS Yeltsin triumphantly turned the tables on his hard-line communist opponents yesterday by persuading an overwhelming majority of Russian legislators to grant him extra power and agree to holding early elections for a stronger presidency in the republic.

The 607-228 vote in his favour came on the final day of a Congress of the Russian Federation which had been convened by old-guard communists in a clear attempt to oust him as chairman of the legislature in the biggest Soviet republic. "This congress was summoned to remove Yeltsin and it has ended up by giving him more authority," one deputy exclaimed in amazement.

Mr Yeltsin, in a surprise move on Thursday, asked the congress to confer extra authority on himself and the republic's standing parliament. He also proposed that a fresh congress be held in May to prepare for presidential elections, which he is widely tipped to win, on June 12.

Radical supporters of Mr Yeltsin said yesterday's victory reflected fear by some communists, who until recently had successfully blocked all discussion of an elected Russian presidency, that their tactics could provoke fury among their constituents.

Mr Yeltsin towers above President Gorbachev in personal popularity and is widely seen as the only man who can ease a wave of industrial unrest which threatens to cripple the economy. The scale of his victory suggested strongly that he had benefited not only from defections from the hard-core communists, but also from a co-ordinated change of tactics by the communist establishment.

The hard-liners could have blocked all discussion of new presidential powers by walking out and denying the congress a quorum. Some may have been influenced by reports that Mr Yeltsin would resign if he was thwarted.

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Computer helps Britain to read Jade's lips



Look who's talking: baby Jade from the commercial

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A BABY with computer-generated lips is urging the population to fill in and return their 1991 census forms. Jade, a three-month-old baby girl, is real enough but her convincing lip movements come courtesy of Harry and Alias, two computer systems at the forefront of animation technology.

Without these sophisticated electronic tools Jade would have had to wait two years or more to form naturally the facial movements and words arguing that census completion is important. The commercial is believed to be the first of its kind and is being heralded as a landmark in animating a real and synthetic world. Researchers predict that in a few years it might be possible to computer generate convincingly past idols of the silver screen, such as Monroe or Bogart, and cast them with living stars in feature films.

The census commercial is the brainchild of the advertising agency DMBB and animators at Rushes, a television post production company in London. The agency examined several techniques to make the baby talk, including trying to superimpose a child's lips, but none appeared convincing or aesthetic. Rushes believed it could harness techniques used for a recent Lyon's Tea commercial in which a computer animated teapot danced within a "real world".

A series of traditional line drawings of lip movements were put on video which acted as a guide over which two computer generated models were created and shaped to fit Jade's face, frame by frame. "One represented the top lip and surrounding muscle and one the lower lip," Ellen Poon, the animator, said. The difficult task of adding the delicate skin colours and shades of the baby's skin was done using a technique known as texture mapping. The tones of the real lips were painstakingly lifted from film of Jade and onto the lip models taking shape on the Alias computer.

The final steps involved switching the models into the Harry computer where they were blended with the live footage of Jade's face. The voice of an eight-year-old girl was matched with the film.

Roy Prince, of Rushes, said techniques being used were opening up new possibilities in television and film "allowing people to produce effects they have never seen before". It took more than four weeks to make the 750 frames of animation for the 30-second commercial but advances in computer technology could soon make this faster.



Ridley warning of poll tax backlash shows rightwing bitterness



Ridley: poll tax has been dealt 'a thousand cuts'

By PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A POLITICAL backlash would be unleashed when details of the new local government tax became known, Nicholas Ridley, the former environment secretary, said yesterday as ministers prepared for crucial talks on the replacement for the community charge.

Mr Ridley, who introduced the community charge, accused Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, of dealing the poll tax a thousand cuts by basing his challenge for the Tory leadership upon abolishing the tax. Environment department and Treasury officials have been preparing papers for a meeting at Downing Street on Tuesday chaired by the prime minister, to determine the shape of the new people and property tax.

Mr Ridley's intervention, in an article in the *Municipal Journal*, will anger ministers trying to limit the damage caused to the government by the dispute over local government finance. It has again exposed deep bitterness on the Tory right towards Mr Heseltine.

Senior ministers accept that the cooler-than-expected response to the Budget decision to reduce poll tax bills arose from public uncertainty over the make-up of its replacement and the extent to which the poll tax element would disappear. Ministers will next week finalise the consultation papers on local government finance and structure.

The key decision involves the proportions of the new local tax that will be accounted for by the property and people elements. Mr Heseltine believes that the higher the property element the easier it would be to convince the public that the poll tax had gone forever.

Other decisions centre on whether those who now pay only 20 per cent of the tax should continue to do so or be exempted, and the name of the new tax. One suggestion gaining support among Tory MPs is that it should be called the "council tax".

Ministers acknowledged yesterday that the result of the Neath by-election, held by Labour with a reduced majority but with the Welsh nationalists jumping to second place ahead of the Conservatives, had done little to advance the likelihood of an early general election. The result has underlined the difficulties the Conservatives face in trying to hold the Welsh seat of Monmouth at a by-election expected in June.

Mr Ridley argued that local authorities faced a further period of upheaval and uncertainty because of the decision to abolish the charge. He said that the Budget injection of funds should have been used to improve the rebate system and help the less well-off.

Mr Heseltine could not possibly have swallowed his pride if the government had simply made the community charge acceptable, Mr Ridley said. "So the absurd decision was taken, both to make it almost acceptable for electoral reasons and to scrap it and replace it in the longer term."

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Heseltine: keen to convince public that the tax has gone

IRA blamed as wave of bombs hits big stores

By RONALD FAUX AND QUENTIN COWDRY

POLICE believe the IRA was responsible for the wave of firebombs which detonated in seven shops in Manchester early yesterday, it emerged last night. If so, the attacks mark yet another tactical change in the organisation's mainland campaign.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks, but police sources said that they were quite confident that the IRA was to blame. A team of detectives from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch flew to Manchester to help local police hunt for the firebombers.

Nine incendiary devices went off in seven stores, five of them in the Arndale Centre. No one was injured and serious damage was caused by only one explosion after automatic sprinkler systems extinguished most of the fires. A tenth device was made safe at Littlewoods store and last night police were investigating a further alert at a football shop run jointly by Manchester United and City football clubs.

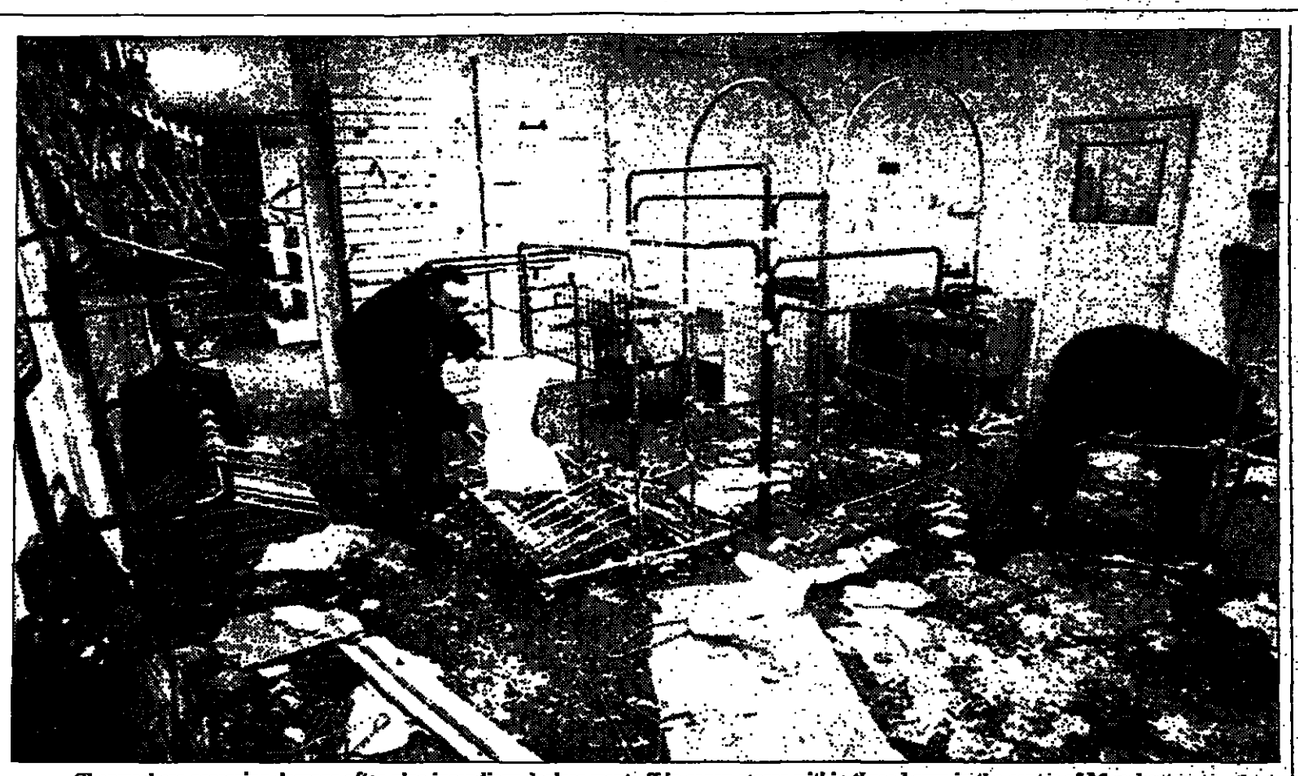
Police are examining the possibility of a link between the nine explosions, which went off between 12.40am and 3.17am, and the discovery of 20 fire bombs in a holdall at Preston railway station on Wednesday night. The holdall had been abandoned on platform three near the London-Carlisle express. One of the devices had started to smoke. It was dealt with by station staff, using a fire extinguisher.

Two men in their 30s with Irish accents are being hunted after the discovery of the smouldering holdall. One police theory is that the culprits planted devices — which have a timing mechanism — in the Manchester shops, took a train to Preston and then waited for a train to take them north. The devices in the bag started to go off accidentally late on Wednesday and they dumped it before making their escape, police believe.

In the centre of Manchester yesterday, police sealed off the Arndale Centre and surrounding streets and bomb squad specialists searched the stores. They were preparing to reopen yesterday but were closed again when army bomb disposal teams were called to deal with the suspect package at Littlewoods.

The worst damage was caused at Slater's men's store in Dale Street, close to the Arndale Centre. Russell McKinlay, assistant manager, said: "The whole place is ruined. Our first impression is that it has been completely wiped out. All our clothing stock worth several hundred thousand pounds has been ruined." The store employs 50 staff. Other premises damaged by the fires included BHS, Burtons, Debenhams, Millets and River Island. Managers called for extra vigilance by staff but the Arndale Centre remained closed throughout the day.

Police said that the devices had been placed in clothing or in soft furnishings. Officers are believed to be studying video film taken by automatic security cameras in the Arndale Centre and in the stores that were attacked.



Shopworkers assessing damage after nine incendiary devices went off in seven stores within three hours in the centre of Manchester

Police have appealed for passengers on the Euston to Carlisle train, which left London at 7.30pm on Wednesday, to contact them.

The smouldering holdall was found six minutes after the express arrived at Preston. It had been delayed 53 minutes. Det Chief Supt Norman Finnerty, head of Lancashire CID, said the devices had probably been dumped after one of them started to go off.

The Carlisle train had been diverted via Birmingham and arrived at Preston at 11.14pm. The bag was found alongside the train where the first class section joined the buffet car. Lancashire police were anxious to trace two men seen at the station at about 8pm. One was carrying a blue holdall similar to the one which had contained the devices. Mr Finnerty said that the train stopped at Lancaster and Carlisle, both of which had connecting services to Northern Ireland ferries. Last night, branches of Debenhams and Burtons across the country were put on alert. Pictures of the devices, understood to be the size of an audio cassette and wrapped in brown paper, have been issued to staff.

☐ Rain hampered emergency repair teams which were attempting yesterday to make habitable houses — many of them elderly and disabled people's sheltered dwellings — which were damaged by an IRA van bomb in Banbridge, Co Down, on Thursday. Also wrecked were four of the market town's main public buildings, the court house, fire station, library and a swimming pool.

Two warning calls telling of a 1,000lb bomb were received at news rooms in Belfast but they were described as inadequate by David Trimble, the local Unionist MP. He was attending a party meeting 100 yards from the van bomb.

New target an old, old tactic

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

IF THE Manchester firebomb attacks were the IRA's work, they underline the importance the organisation is placing on constantly changing tactics in its mainland campaign.

Since the campaign began in August 1988, the IRA has murdered an MP, tried to assassinate a retired general and senior diplomat, attacked military recruiting offices, bombed the Stock Exchange and the Carlton club, exploded devices on railway stations and fired mortar bombs at 10 Downing Street.

The policy of switching targets seems to reflect the IRA's keenness to maintain a high level of media interest in its activities as much as a determination to wrong-foot the security forces. It also shows that the organisation has no shortage of weapons or munitions on the mainland.

Incendiary devices, a standard IRA weapon, have been used with devastating effect in Northern Ireland in recent years as militant republicans have tried to undermine the province's renewed economic confidence. Fourteen stores in and around Belfast were firebombed three months ago, causing damage estimated at £25 million. The devices, detonated by timers, can be smuggled into shops and concealed easily.

Anti-terrorist detectives believe there are at least two IRA gangs operating on the mainland. They are likely to be working independently of one another and with minimal, if any, contact with senior IRA members in the Irish republic or in Ulster.

There have been nearly 30 IRA mainland strikes since the bombing of the Mill Hill Army barracks in north London in August 1988. Fifteen people have been killed.

In a recent edition of *An Phoblacht*, the weekly tabloid Republican News, a leading IRA activist said: "We will not allow ourselves to be held to one tactic. Our intention is to keep the enemy guessing. We will spread the Crown forces into guarding as many areas as possible. Stretch them to the utmost. Nibble and bite at them from every angle."

Channel rail link choice in a month

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail will make its final decision within a month on which of the four proposed routes for the Channel tunnel high-speed rail link should be built, Gil Howarth, BR's rail link project director, said yesterday.

The route will then be submitted for endorsement to Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, accompanied by a request to make the decision public before the summer recess, in expectation of a hybrid bill to be submitted to Parliament next spring.

Decisions on how to finance the multi-billion pound link will be made when the hybrid bill is close to receiving royal assent, he said. The project will be financed by borrowing from the Treasury, financial backing from the private sector, or a combination of the two.

Mr Howarth said that British Rail was no longer backing its preferred route through south London, as unveiled in March 1989. Instead it had spent about £5 million examining which of the four options would be in the best long-term interests of international passenger and freight traffic in Britain.

Mr Howarth would not be drawn on which of the four routes, or what combination of them, BR was likely to recommend.

Bowbelle radio call

A radio message from the bridge of the Bowbelle minutes after she collided with the pleasure cruiser Marchioness said that flashing lights on another pleasure boat had been a distraction, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Jurors were read a transcript of the broadcast made three minutes after the collision. It was not known whether the message was broadcast by the Bowbelle's master, Douglas Henderson, or someone else on board the bridge. The trial continues on Monday.

Drugs tragedy

Mary Moore, aged 50, died in agony from cancer because her children sold her painkilling drug, Southampton Crown court was told yesterday. Her son Robert, aged 26, and daughter Danielle, aged 27, of Southampton, gave her diluted amounts of morphine so they could sell the rest. They admitted stealing and supplying diamorphine and were given 12-month suspended prison sentences.

Car sales slump

New car sales fell again last month despite a late surge by buyers wishing to avoid increased VAT charges. Total sales in March were 168,854, a fall of 19.1 per cent compared with the same month last year, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said yesterday. They were not as bad, however, as those in January and February, when there were falls of 20.8 per cent and 25.8 per cent.

CORRECTION

Empress Farah

The former Empress of Iran, Shahbanou Farah Pahlavi, asks us to say that she denies having sold jewels, directly or indirectly, to the wife of President Saddam Hussein. *The Times* on March 29 said that Mrs Saddam had bought the jewels of the former Shah's wife. The former Empress would also like us to say that the $320m alleged to have been paid for the jewels was "contrary to what might be construed as a reasonable value of what Her Majesty possesses or ever possessed".

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Lions' lure continues strong after 25 years

By JOHN YOUNG

ON A grey, blustery April day, with no hint of African warmth or sunshine, the lions of Longleat celebrated their silver jubilee yesterday.

More accurately, the rejoicing fell to a pride of human VIPs and other visitors who were driven through Britain's oldest safari park in a convoy of coaches before retreating for lunch in the library of the great Elizabethan house. The lions sat around on the wet grass under the dripping trees and, as lions do, looked indifferent.

Perhaps their guardian sympathised. Lord Bath, aged 86, was ill in bed with a sore throat and a high temperature at his home at Job's Mill on the 9,500-acre Wiltshire estate and had to miss the party. The Marquess's sons, Viscount Weymouth and Lord Christopher Thynne, carried in a 30lb birthday cake — appropriately shaped like Marquis, one of the safari park's most famous lions.

On April 5, 1966, amid controversy and scepticism, the Marquess opened what was said to be the world's first drive-through wild animal park. Other animals, such as tigers, elephants, hippopotamuses, giraffes, zebras, camels, monkeys and Canadian timber wolves, were later introduced to the 100-acre park and have long since bred successfully.

There is a view in some quarters that safari parks are *passé*, but Roger Cawley, director of the Longleat park, said yesterday he thought that they still had a future. Longleat attracted some 400,000 visitors a year, and there was no sign of any long-term decline.

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Fission to speed missions to Mars

A safer, more powerful nuclear rocket that can cut travel time to Mars from 500 to 150 days is in the making. Nigel Hawkes assesses its scientific and strategic values

NUCLEAR rockets, whose development as part of the Strategic Defence Initiative was disclosed this week, provide enormous power, a hair-trigger response and can be made to measure for any mission.

They are likely to provide the thrust for SDI's laser weapons and for manned missions to Mars next century. Franklin Chang-Diaz, a Nasa astronaut working on nuclear propulsion, believes that a nuclear rocket could cut the travel time to Mars from 500 days to 150, and give crews greater safety margins. "We're probably going to lose a crew if we have a rinky-dink kind of motor," he told *Aviation Week and Space Technology*.

Nuclear rockets pack as much power as a nuclear station into a volume hardly bigger than a domestic refrigerator, and are ready for instant action. They are also complex, expensive and likely to face opposition on environmental grounds. American policy has been that nuclear rockets should not be used in the Earth's atmosphere. That policy will have to change if the rockets, which the arms control group, the Federation of American Scientists, says are being developed for SDI system, are ever to be deployed.

The heart of a nuclear rocket is a pressure vessel full of pellets of fuel each about the size of a grain of sand, supported inside a porous screen. The pellets consist of enriched uranium embedded in a graphite matrix and surrounded by a coating made of zirconium carbide. The pressure vessel can be made whatever size is needed to produce the necessary thrust. A nuclear rocket the same size as the Titan III, which can place 14-ton payloads into low earth orbit, is expected to produce three times as much thrust.

The reactor is turned on by rotating mirrors made of beryllium, a reflecting material which bounces escaping neutrons back into the fuel. The increased neutron flux starts the fission reaction and the fuel pellets heat up rapidly. Liquid hydrogen is pumped through the pebble bed, vaporised, and heated to a temperature as high as 2,000C. The hydrogen, now a gas, expands and is blasted out through the rocket nozzle, producing thrust.

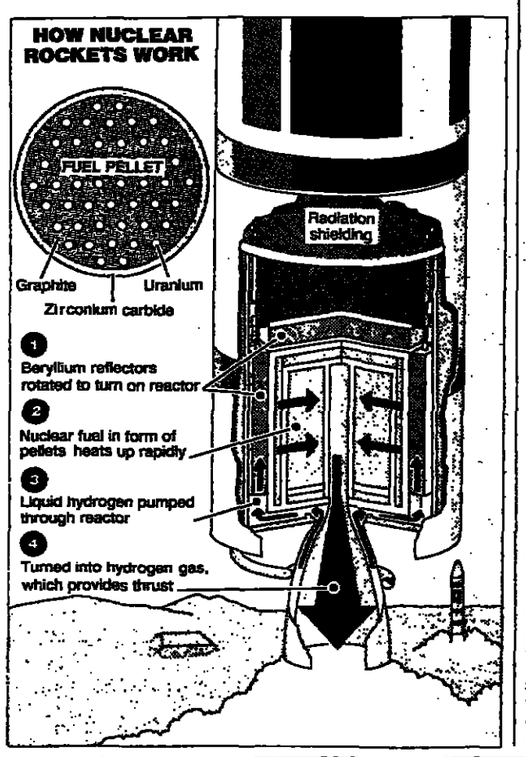
Nuclear rockets generate a lot of thrust but run for only a few minutes at a time, not long enough to create dangerous fission products. Inevitably some of the fuel grains are thrown out with the rocket blast but because of the low fuel burn-up they are not highly radioactive.

Losses can be reduced by using solid fuel rods, but the advantage of the grains is that they can heat up almost instantly without any damage to the reactor structure. Solid fuel rods heated at the same rate would expand so fast that they would crack. That makes pebble-bed reactors particularly suitable for SDI, where instant responses are needed: for Mars missions solid fuel is more likely.

The amount of thrust produced depends on the temperature, with 2,000C the upper limit. At that temperature the hydrogen would react with the graphite in the pellets if the fuel were not protected by a coating of a ceramic such as zirconium carbide. The drawback of the nuclear rocket, according to Alan Bond, a British expert on rocket propulsion, is that it produces such a huge flux of neutrons when operating that it would destroy its electronic control systems if they were not protected behind shielding.

The same applies in greater measure for manned missions. The weight of the shielding reduces the overall efficiency of the system.

Another difficulty arises in ensuring that after a crash landing the reactor does not produce a nuclear explosion. The idea of using a nuclear rocket as the third stage of a Saturn booster in the 1960s was abandoned because of the danger of explosion if it crashed into the sea.



Fear of dangerous products from EC

By A STAFF REPORTER

DANGEROUS products could flood into British shops from other parts of the European Community after the internal market comes into force in January 1993, trading standards officers say.

The officers' work would be reduced to a fire-fighting exercise to ensure that goods met EC safety regulations, Mike Drewry, director of trading standards for Lothian regional council, said yesterday. Dangerous goods on sale in British shops showed that agreed safety standards were not being enforced by other European countries. Safety standards now proposed for some goods, such as furniture, fell short of those which applied in Britain, he said.

"If tougher standards are not developed and if other countries do not do more to enforce the laws, it will be up to trading standards officers to check goods on the shelves and we cannot check everything."

Mr Drewry, chairman of the safety standards committee of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, said that discussions were continuing on a general European Commission directive on product safety to apply throughout the EC by 1993.

Precise safety standards have been agreed by trading standards officers in member states on some types of goods. But almost as many remain undecided and implementation and enforcement is being left to member countries.

Certification of individual products with a CE (Communauté Européene) sticker to denote compliance with safety standards was being left in many countries to the manufacturers themselves. Safety standards have been implemented in most European countries on toys. Mr Drewry said, however, that goods on sale in the UK showed that enforcement was not working.

The European Commission is considering a new directive to tighten certification of products. Safety standards are also being drawn up on other goods, but draft standards on furniture fall short of those in force in Britain, where foam filling on new furniture must be fire-resistant.

Draft European standards require fire-resistance only in furniture covering, and do not insist that resistance be permanent. Mr Drewry said: "We campaigned for years in the UK to get fire resistant foam in furniture and the industry has spent £20 million converting to it.

"Other countries are now saying that imposing this on their manufacturers would put them at a disadvantage after 1993."

☐ Eighty thousand consumers die in EC member states each year as a result of accidents involving consumer products, according to the European Consumer Safety Association. Forty million are seriously injured — more than are injured in road accidents or at work.

Jail suicide 'blunders'

THE suicide of a prisoner at Brixton jail, southwest London, was surrounded by an incredible series of administrative blunders, a coroner said yesterday.

His comments came as an inquest jury returned a verdict that Edwin Robinson, aged 28, a mentally disturbed remand inmate, had killed himself in circumstances brought about by lack of care. Sir Montague Levine, the Southwark coroner, said prison staff received no medical records about Mr Robinson on his arrival at Brixton and failed to give him a medical assessment. Terry Munyard, counsel for Mr Robinson's family, told the jury that gross errors had been committed by officials. A man with a history of mental illness had been put in a "disgusting place where he had not been cared for properly" after his arrest for threatening a police officer at knifepoint.

The case is likely to add fresh impetus to the government's plans to reduce the number of jail suicides by improving staff training, tightening suicide prevention strategies and making prison regimes more active.

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ocial worker may appeal against rkney case ruling

By KERRY GILL

y of the parents of t the centre of the ual sex abuse allega- be prolonged by an ainst Sheriff David uling on Thursday. d last night that r an appeal will be on Monday.

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n will meet his QC y when grounds will ed for the appeal. It sted that either Sher- 's findings on the s will be challenged l be claimed that regarding the allega- not considered prop- one from the social artment or from Mr Sloan's office would comment officially. However, a social work source said "It is likely that the reporter will appeal." He said that he would be surprised if Mr Sloan did not. The source added that the police, the procurator fiscal and the Crown Office were still looking into alleged criminal aspects of the affair. "No one has said there is nothing in it and dumped it," he said.

Mairi Trickett, the social work committee chairwoman, said she was surprised at the Sheriff's findings. An appeal was likely as she believed the procedures had been carried out properly. She refused to comment on whether any disciplinary measures might be taken. The Rev Derek Edwards, a local Baptist minister, said the social workers had behaved like "tinpot dictators in a banana republic".

The procurator fiscal and police are still investigating allegations made by three other children already in care against the Rev Morris McKenzie, aged 63, the Church of Scotland minister of St Margaret's Hope. On the day the children were seized his manse and church were searched and he was questioned for several hours by police. Mr McKenzie, aged 63, who suffers from heart trouble, said the social workers had to confess they were wrong. Speaking in South Ronaldsay, he said: "Their so-called evidence was a load of rubbish. I want a public declaration by the authorities involved that they were wrong. This enquiry was instigated by the director of social work and he is now absolutely discredited. Why should he still have power over people in the form of child care orders which have not been uplifted?"

It was alleged that Mr McKenzie took part in rituals at a local quarry. He said that there were still eight children in care who were taken by social workers in November. The allegations against the four families came from three of those children.

Mr McKenzie said his reputation had been badly damaged by such "disgusting allegations", although he had received massive support from other clergy, parishioners and people from across Britain. "I have lived all my life with an absolutely unblemished record," he said. Orkney social workers believed they were "more important than the clergy in their field of activity".

FRANK BRADFORD



together: a reunited family spending time alone yesterday. One boy said of me in care: "It was like a dream, very hard to believe what was happening".

Country boy learns city tricks at care school

AN ORKNEY Island boy taken into care by social workers spoke yesterday of how he was sent to a residential school where he learned to steal cars (Kerry Gill writes).

The boy aged 15, who is now back on his family's remote farm, said that he was the only youngster during his five weeks at the school who was not there for having committed a crime. Although he praised the school staff and said that he had made friends with the other young people, he said that he could not understand why he was not placed with foster parents.

Having left Orkney as innocent as anyone of his age living on a remote farm, he has returned to his parents well-versed in the methods of petty crime. He had, however, no intention of using his new-found knowledge.

The boy, back in his farm overalls, said that he could not fault the way he had been treated by the school staff and the other boys. "They were really kind to me. The staff took me on trips to see castles and armour. I made some good friends, they were really nice. They had just had a bad upbringing," he said.

"They had all been car thieves, done jewellery shops and shop-lifted. I was the only person there who had never smoked. They were all from the Glasgow area. They told me how to steal a car and how to make a joint."

The boy recalled the morning that he and his brother, aged 11, were taken into care. "I had a few choice words for the social workers when they came. I would have lashed out but I realised I could have been arrested."

The boys were put on a chartered aircraft and were not allowed to speak to each other. When the aircraft reached Inverness the younger boy was handed over to a foster family. "He had the intelligence to understand that there was nothing we could do," the 15-year-old said.

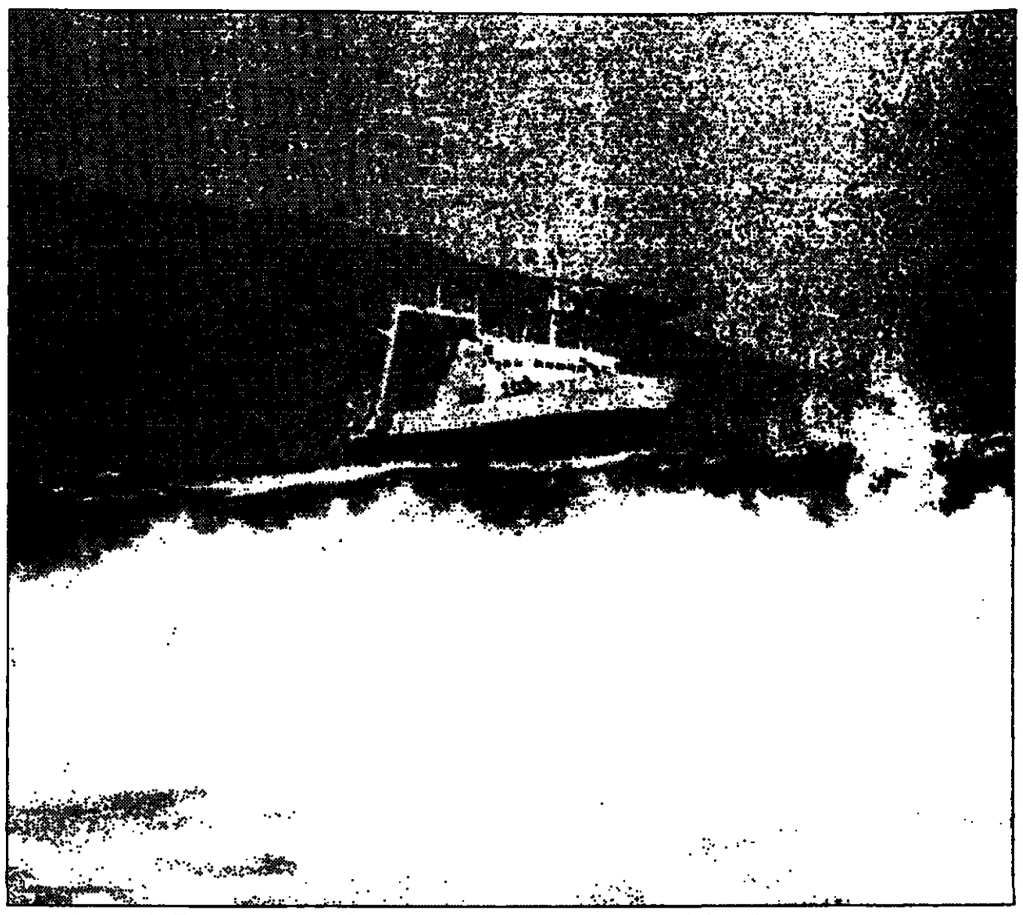
"The social workers on the plane were quite friendly. They knew I wished they were all dead but they were friendly nonetheless. One of the other boys was crying." He was then flown to Glasgow and taken to a hospital for a physical examination, and on to the school where he was given his own room.

"I just sat and watched television for a while," he said. "It was just like a dream, very hard to believe what was happening." Later he was regularly questioned about ritual dances and sex abuse. It was all rubbish, he said. His mother said that the younger boy's foster family had been marvellous and they would stay in touch.

One of the other families expressed anger after learning that their daughters aged 11 and 13 had been separated from their brother, aged eight. The mother said that her daughters, who were kept in Glasgow, saw their brother once when they were making regular trips to Strathaven, Ayrshire, for questioning. "He was across the street, but he didn't see them," she said.

"It was terribly distressing to the girls. They cried every night and have been asking why we didn't write." In fact she had written every second day but the letters and presents were never delivered to the children.

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All at sea: the French factory ship Capitaine Plevin II stranded on a reef in Galway Bay yesterday buffeted by the Atlantic swell. The captain and crew were lifted to safety by the RAF and Irish Air Corps. Details, page 1

Clarke climbdown on exam spelling

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke, education secretary, yesterday reluctantly accepted the compromise proposed by his advisers for penalising spelling mistakes in GCSE examinations.

He agreed that marks will be deducted this year only if errors make meaning unclear, but that stiffer penalties will be imposed in future. Mr Clarke had wanted up to 5 per cent of marks deducted for poor spelling.

In a letter to Philip Halsey, chairman of the school examinations and assessment council, he said: "I must confess to some slight disappointment that you do not consider it possible to do more in 1991 than to draw candidates' attention to the need for good spelling and to strengthen the guidance given to examiners. But I hope that the guidance will result in stiffer penalties being imposed this year than hitherto, and I am pleased that this exercise will cover grammar and presentation as well as spelling."

The council made a special case for this year's GCSE candidates because their syllabuses and teaching would not have reflected the government's harder line on spelling. Future policy will be developed in reports to Mr Clarke later in the year.

The education secretary hoped the reports would be more specific about the penalties for bad spelling and about the use of computer spell-checkers. He acknowledged the need for special arrangements to ensure that handicapped pupils competed with their peers on an equal footing. Michael Fallon, the schools minister, is consulting dyslexia groups.

The council is discussing long-term policy with the bodies responsible for A-levels and vocational qualifications. Mr Clarke hoped that would not spread the effort too thinly: "Nothing must be done to call into question the need for greater stringency that I consider essential if we are to see a real improvement in the way teachers deal with this important topic."

☐ Teachers were urged by their union yesterday to walk out of schools which are dirty or unsafe. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said that children should be sent home until conditions improved.

Teachers were failing to apply health and safety regulations out of misguided loyalty to their pupils, he said. "Sending them home would be in the long-term interests of the children, because as long as we are prepared to tolerate circumstances like these, the government will be happy to ignore them."

A survey presented to the union's annual conference of the in Bournemouth yesterday described some school buildings as dangerous, harmful to pupils' health, dirty, chronically overcrowded and lacking proper facilities.

The conference also threatened strikes in areas where teachers are made redundant.

☐ Peter Smith, general secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, yesterday challenged John Major to prove his commitment to education by creating a think tank of classroom teachers and holding regular meetings with it.

Dismissed vicar may win retrial

A VICAR who lost his living after being found guilty of adultery with two women parishioners was told yesterday that he might have won a retrial.

The presiding judge at the Rev Thomas Tyler's appeal in London said that the case could be referred back to the Church of England Consistory Court which convicted him in November.

The hearing was told that Canon David Gutsell, one of the assessors who sat as jurors at the trial, had discussed the case at length with Mr Tyler beforehand. John Beveridge QC, for Mr Tyler, said that this constituted such a strong "disqualification factor" that the verdict should be set aside.

Sir John Owen, the Dean of Arches and head of the five judges hearing the appeal, said: "If you are right and the whole matter is flawed it might be that we ought to come to the conclusion that the whole thing ought to be sent back to the Consistory Court to be heard by new assessors."



Tyler: found guilty of unbecoming conduct

Mr Beveridge said that Canon Gutsell's decision to stay on as an assessor after discussing the case on two occasions with Mr Tyler was "very odd and in fact irresponsible". He criticised Canon Gutsell's claim that he had remained objective, pointing to evidence which, he said, showed he had formed a bias view against Mr Tyler.

Mr Beveridge said: "Nothing could be more dangerous than a person of utmost goodwill, but without any legal training and no training in objectivity, convincing himself that it was possible for him to be objective in this situation."

Mr Tyler, former vicar of Henfield, West Sussex, was found guilty on five charges of conduct unbecoming the office and work of a clerk in holy orders. He denied the charges but was sentenced to "deprivation and disqualification". He was dismissed and barred from holding office in the Church of England.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday after the judges decided they had to hear evidence from the registrar who organised the original trial.

od manufacturers ignoring lls for cutback in use of salt

ROBIN YOUNG

anufacturers yes- owed little inclina- espond to health s' suggestions that d cut the amount of cessed foods.

sts at St Bartholo- spital in London, the *British Medical* aimed that if manu- educed the salt they added to processed foods, deaths from stroke and heart disease in Britain would be cut by 39 and 30 per cent respectively.

The Food and Drink Federation responded that the findings were of interest and would be studied, but noted that manufacturers had already launched a variety of products with reduced salt content. "Experience has shown that the uptake of these has been limited," the federation said. "Should the demand increase, so will the choice and availability."

The manufacturers' claim provoked Sue Dibb, of the Food Commission, to say: "The real reason they use so much salt is that if they did not, much of the food would have no taste."

Graham MacGregor of St George's hospital, south London, an earlier researcher on the links between salt consumption and high blood pressure, said: "The more salt you eat the more you need to produce a salty taste. The salt receptors in our mouths are courted assiduously by the food industry from the cradle, with salty rusks, crisps and nibble snacks, salty sausages, cheeses, tomato ketchup and Marmite soldiers. Some people living in hot and humid climates manage perfectly well on 50 times less salt than Britons use."

The average British consumption of salt is more than nine grams a day. The government's recommended daily allowance is five grams, and the World Health Organisation recently recommended an absolute daily maximum of six grams. Intakes three times that are not uncommon in Britain.

The Food and Drink Federation admitted that processed foods are responsible for about half the national salt intake. The rest is naturally present in fresh foods or comes from salt added in cooking. Nutritionists say no one in Britain should need to add salt to food, since there is adequate naturally present in bread, cereals and other foods already.

Television Licence Fee Increase

Television licence fees were increased with effect from 1 April 1991. The new fees are £25.50 for black and white and £77.00 for colour.
Licensees who use the Direct Debit or Credit Card payment schemes to pay for their licence should note the following:

ANNUAL PAYMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD

Your next licence will be issued at the new rate. Consequently your account will be debited with the appropriate amount on or immediately after the first day of the month following that in which your current licence expires.

MONTHLY INSTALMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT

1. If your current licence expires at the end of March 1992 then the monthly instalment will now be one tenth of the new fee, i.e. £2.55 per month for a black and white licence or £7.70 per month for a colour licence.
2. If you have been paying monthly instalments towards your next licence based on the old fee, then on the last day of the month prior to that in which your current licence expires (exceptionally for April 1991 expiry licences, the last day of this month), your account will be debited with an amount equal to the difference between the old and new fees, i.e. £1.50 for black and white or £6.00 for colour. Thereafter instalments will be based on the new fee as in '1' above.

QUARTERLY INSTALMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT

PREMIUM SCHEME

When your current colour licence expires, your quarterly instalments towards your next licence will be based on the new fee, i.e. £20.50 (£19.25 plus £1.25 premium payment) per quarter.

STANDARD SCHEME

1. If your licence expires between July and the last day of September this year, your instalments (towards your next licence) have been based on the old fee. Consequently, your next instalment will be a catch-up payment of £20.75 – i.e. £17.75 plus £3.00 – to bring payments up to date. Thereafter instalments will be based on the new fee, i.e. £19.25 per quarter.
2. If your licence expires between January and March next year the next (final) instalment towards your current licence will be at the old rate, i.e. £17.75. Thereafter, instalments will be at the new rate, i.e. £19.25 per quarter.

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Cashing in on the ducal 'empties'

By JOHN SHAW

A COLLECTION of "empties" from an aristocratic wine cellar retrieved from the river Dee will be auctioned for an estimated £5,000 next month to help to finance a trip around the world by a couple in Cheshire.

Fourteen 17th-century and 18th-century green and brown glass wine bottles were found in a stretch of the river which crosses the Duke of Westminster's land around Eaton Hall, his family seat in Cheshire. The main discovery was an onion-shaped bottle bearing the Grosvenor Talbot Hound seal dating from 1680. It is believed to be the only complete bottle of its kind and is expected to make up to £1,200 at Phillips in Chester on May 31.

The Grosvenors had their own brewery on the estate from the 17th century until the first world war. It is believed that in the early days, their own bottles were blown on the site and used to bring beer, wines, or spirits from the cellar to the table

Many of the bottles recovered from the river seem to have been deliberately broken at the seal, but, according to the duke, the reason remains something of a mystery. He confirmed that the Talbot Hound seal was the only one still in existence

The bottles were found by David Parr, aged 46, a member of the local sub-aqua club, who recovered them with the aid of a compressor-powered hose to blow away the silt. They were brought up in a bucket of water and sprayed with artist's varnish to prevent the glass crazing on contact with the air.

"We dived on many different occasions over a period of 18 months and for every whole bottle found, we must have come across two dozen broken," Mr Parr said. "Every foot of the river bed in that location was systematically searched, and apart from a few slivers of glass, I don't think there can be anything left." He has now decided to sell up and travel the world with his wife Janet in their mobile home. "The collection is unlikely to survive the journey, and, sadly, it has to go," he said.



The unbroken seal which could help to fetch £1,200 for the bottle

Robert Gowland, a director of Phillips North West, said: "It is extremely rare to find a good collection of early bottles, let alone one which is of such local significance. I can understand his reluctance to sell, but I am sure that the interest from collectors will pay for a few gallons of petrol for his trip."

The auction is one of three special sales to launch Phillips North West, the new name for the firm's salerooms in Chester and Manchester. The change was announced by Christopher Weston, the chairman, who sees opportunities in the region now that Sotheby's, its main rival, has ended local auctions.

Sotheby's had a turnover of £10-£12 million a year from a large catchment area in the Midlands and the north of England. Two of it key members, Gary Owen, aged 37, the general manager, and William Whitter, aged 35, who ran one of Sotheby's two auction rooms in the town, have now joined Phillips.

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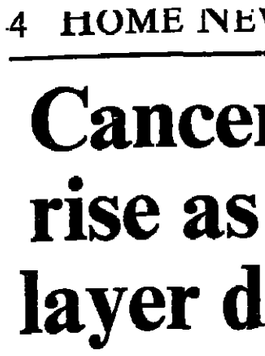
Cancer fears rise as ozone layer damage rate doubles

By Nigel Hawkes and Martin Fletcher

DEATHS from skin cancer are expected to soar in the next 50 years because the ozone layer is thinning twice as fast as previously believed, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. About 200,000 more people will die from skin cancer in the US alone in the next 50 years, the agency says.

The accelerated thinning of the ozone layer – which offers protection from the sun's harmful ultra-violet rays – also substantially increases the threat to the world's ecology.

The figures, from a survey by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), were "stunning" and "disturbing", said William Reilly, head of the Environmental Protection Agency. The world would have to have



Weir: 'Britain lagging behind rest of Europe'

to consider speeding up the elimination of ozone-depleting chemicals, he added. These include chlorofluorocarbons, (CFCs) widely used in air-conditioning, refrigerators, insulating foam and as a solvent.

"The implications for policy are unavoidable," Mr Reilly said. Under a treaty negotiated in London last June, signatory nations agreed to eliminate CFCs, halons and carbon tetrachloride by the year 2000 in industrialised countries – by 2010 in developing countries – and methyl chloroform by 2005.

The ozone layer had thinned by between 4.5 and five per cent over the US since 1978, with similiar rates of depletion elsewhere in the northern hemisphere including Europe, according to satellite measurements made by Nasa. Past studies had put the rate of depletion at about half of that. Ozone levels had declined globally by 2.6 per cent over the past ten years.

The depletion extended further south than previously thought, and became progressively worse towards the north. It began earlier in the autumn and continued later into the spring, when more people were outdoors. The depletion would also have a "disturbing, disruptive, destabilising effect on aquatic systems and plant life," said Mr Reilly.

Fiona Weir, a campaigner at Friends of the Earth, said the figures made it "very clear" that the scale of damage to the ozone layer was worse than expected. Every one per cent loss of ozone led to a two to three per cent increase in cases of skin cancer, she said. She accused the British government of lagging behind the rest of Europe in passing legislation to phase out chlorofluorocarbons.

Mr Reilly has been constantly at loggerheads with John Sununu, the White House chief of staff, over the need for urgent action to counter such threats as ozone depletion and global warming. The US has also been the butt of criticism, particularly from Europe, over its reluctance to adopt stronger environmental protection measures.

Mr Reilly said the new data could prompt the administration to endorse EC plans to phase out CFCs by 1997 and to offer improved incentives to the Third World to accelerate its timetable.

However, Michael Deland, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, said the Nasa report and other reports on the ozone layer needed careful scrutiny before any major overhaul of US or worldwide policies were undertaken.

Officials from the Department of the Environment will go to the US in the next few weeks to discuss the figures with Nasa.



Study in oils: Richard Wilson examines his latest sculpture, 2,600 gallons half filling a steel-lined room of the Saatchi Gallery in London. A tapering metal gangway allows the viewer to walk to the centre of the pool of cleansed waste oil. At first glance the room is empty, with the tilted ceiling and skylight reflected in the floor. The oil creates a black mirror. Wilson said: "I am interested in the notion of transformations, of transforming the room by filling it up and making it twice as big at the same time. I also see a transformation of the oil, an environmental hazard, to become something quite beautiful in creating a perfect horizontal plane. The piece should question one's attitude to material substance. The sculpture, entitled *20:50*, is show at the gallery in Bound Road, St John's Wood, from n to 6pm on Fridays and Saturda

The Neath by-election

Little to alarm but less to cheer parties

By Ivor Crewe

THE unspectacular result of the low-key by-election in Neath should leave none of the parties especially pleased – or alarmed. The Labour party can shrug off the halving of its majority as the predictable outcome of a reduced turnout and some mild local resistance to an imported candidate.

Closer inspection, however, suggests that the result, while by no means a disaster, was a slightly more serious setback than that. Labour's vote share does not automatically fall in its own safe seats: in this parliament it rose in Vauxhall (3 per cent up), Knowsley South (4 per cent up) and Bootle (8 and 11 per cent up). But in Neath it fell by 11.6 points, the second largest drop (equally with Paisley North) since 1987.

Admittedly, in Wales and Scotland, where nationalist candidates compete for Labour's traditional supporters, its vote is more prone to haemorrhage. But since 1979 an 11.6 per cent drop has been exceeded only twice, when Glasgow Govan fell to the nationalists in November 1988 and (fractionally) in Glasgow Central in 1980.

In the three comparable South Wales by-elections, Labour's vote share fell by 9.7 per cent in Gower in September 1982 (from the higher base of the 1979 election), rose by 2.7 per cent in neighbouring Cynon Valley in April 1984 and fell by only 2.9 per cent two years ago in Pontypridd. Even if the 3.6 per cent Independent Labour vote is added to Labour's total, this is a relatively poor result for Labour.

Comparison with October 1974, the last election Labour won, offers Labour a sobering perspective. Adjusting for boundary revisions, Labour's vote in Neath was 6 per cent down on October 1974; in Pontypridd and Cynon Valley it was 2 and 3 per cent down. Even allowing for by-elections, these figures are hardly signs that Labour is set to win the next election.

Plaid Cymru has most cause for cheer. It leapt from fourth to second place, increasing its vote share from 6 to 23 per cent. Identical shifts at the next election would hand it Carmarthen, Clywd South West and Ceredigion and Pembroke North; in reality only Carmarthen looks in any danger. By past standards, Plaid's performance was fairly modest. It was not in the 40 per cent vote league of Carmarthen, Rhondda and Caerphilly in the 1960s, and was marginally less impressive than in Pontypridd when its vote increased from 5 to 25 per cent. Given that Plaid put up a local doctor against Labour's London import, it should have done better.

Little of significance can be deduced from the Conservative and Liberal Democrat performances. The slump in the Tory vote by almost half was slightly worse than its average in hopeless Labour territory. In the two Paisley seats last November, which polled two days after John Major succeeded Mrs Thatcher as party leader, the Tory vote held to within 1 per cent of its 1987 level. Neath confirmed recent polls: the "goodbye to Thatcher" honeymoon for the Conservatives is over and the emasculation of the poll tax has not yet translated into votes.

The Liberal Democrats' slide was also worse than average for a Labour heartland by-election. However, they have two crumbs of comfort: the fall was not as disastrous as their collapse in Pontypridd and, together with the SDP candidate's 5.4 per cent, the combined centre parties' vote was only 3 per cent below their 1987 level.

Polls are better electoral thermometers than by-elections. Nothing about the Neath result contradicts the polls' message that the next election is likely to be a fairly close two-party race, in which the Tories remain the marginal favourites.

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BY-ELECTIONS IN SAFE LABOUR SEATS SINCE 1987

		Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Lib Dem + SDP	SNP/ Plaid
November 1988	Glasgow Cavan	-4.6	-27.9	-8.2	(-8.2)	+38.3
February 1989	Pontypridd	-6.0	-2.9	-16.0	(-11.9)	+20.0
June 1989	Glasgow Central	-5.4	-9.9	-9.0	(-8.0)	+20.2
June 1989	Vauxhall	-10.2	+2.6	-0.7	(-0.7)	—
May 1990	Bootle	-11.0	+8.1	-4.0	(-2.2)	–
September 1990	Knowsley South	-6.4	+4.3	-5.4	(-2.4)	–
November 1990	Bootle	-10.9	+11.5	-5.1	(-4.1)	–
November 1990	Paisley North	-1.0	-11.6	-7.5	(-7.5)	+16.5
November 1990	Paisley South	-1.3	-10.1	-5.3	(-5.3)	+13.5
April 1991	Neath	-7.5	-11.6	-8.3	(-2.9)	+17.0

Hain plans active MP's role

By John Winder

THE post mortems were being conducted behind brave smiling faces in Neath yesterday as the rain which had helped to cut the number of voters on polling day continued to dampen Labour's victory tour of the constituency.

Peter Hain, the new Labour MP, intends to rebuild the much-reduced Labour vote by creating for himself a reputation as a hard-working constituency MP. He now lives in a village in the Neath valley and will be opening a constituency office to deal with public enquiries while he is in Westminster.

He sees a need to attract more young people and women into the local party. His aim at Westminster is to become known as the typical Labour MP, taking an active role as a member of the team, especially of Welsh MPs, and learning the parliamentary ropes as quickly as possible.

Asked yesterday how he had regarded personal attacks on his past during the campaign, he said that it had been like "water off a duck's back". He dismissed suggestions that the result was not an unmitigated triumph for Labour but did not repeat the epithet "landslide" which had earned him jeers at the count early yesterday morning.

He contented himself with the adjective "fantastic" and then disparaged the support his opponents had achieved. Plaid Cymru, he said, had not reached the dizzy heights it had publicly hoped for.

Dewi Evans, who came second, saw it in a different light. He said that his party had gained more than any of the parties from the election, moving from last place in 1987 to become runners-up with about one-quarter of the vote.

The only opinion poll during the by-election campaign had badly under-estimated Plaid Cymru's support and if that had been accurate the party would have done even better, he claimed. "They probably kept many people at home". Dr Evans said that the increase in the nationalist vote had come principally from former Labour supporters.

Richard Evans, the Conservative candidate, who came third, described the reduced Labour vote as a disaster and said that he was ready and would be honoured to stand again at the general election.

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D Evans (Pl C)	8,132
R Evans (Con)	2,995
D Lloyd (Lib-Dem)	2,000
J Warman (SDP)	1,826
R Jeffries (L Ind Lab)	1,253
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B Kirk (Bean party)	262
Labour majority	9,850
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Poll tax hitch fails to boost Labour

By Robin Oakley
POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR has failed to capitalise on the government's traumas over replacing the poll tax, according to the latest opinion poll evidence. A Mori survey has, for the first time in a year, found more support for Conservative than Opposition policy on local government finance.

Labour had been hoping to profit from its propaganda offensive on governmental "dithering" over the replacement of the poll tax, pronounced dead by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, on March 21. But the Mori poll, conducted that day and over the next four days, shows that 31 per cent of those questioned believed that the Conservatives had the best policy for local government finance while only 25 per cent believed that Labour did. The Liberal Democrat score was 11 per cent, with 32 per cent don't knows.

Labour might be suffering from the imprecision of its own alternative to the poll tax, the "fair rates" scheme, on which government spokesmen continue to press for more detail. With both parties yet to spell out the full detail of their alternatives, it seems that the public is inclined to give the government rather more of the benefit of the doubt.

Labour had a 10-point lead over the Conservatives on the same question in March 1990. That lead stretched to 17 points in January this year when people were asked which party had the best policy on the poll tax. Labour's policy was favoured by 39 per cent, to 22 for the Conservatives. A question on handling of the economy was not asked on this occasion but, when Mori posed it in a February survey, 41 per cent thought the Conservatives had the best policies, a 17-point lead over Labour.

Mori interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,890 adults aged 18 upwards in 143 constituency sampling points throughout Britain. Interviews were conducted face to face, at home, March 21-25. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.

Deaths linked to growth hormone

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Correspondent

CHILDREN treated with a form of human growth hormone six or more years ago may be at increased risk of developing a fatal brain disease, according to the results of a long-term study.

The use of pituitary growth hormone for treatment of short stature was abandoned in 1985 when it became linked with deaths from Creutzfeldt-Jakob Dementia, a rare spongiform encephalopathy similar to that now known to cause BSE, or "mad cow" disease in cattle.

About 1,900 patients in Britain, most of them children and young adults, received the hormone, extracted from the pituitary glands of dead donors, between 1970 and 1985.

Follow-up studies of all them, published in the *British Medical Journal* today show that six of them, treated between 1974 and 1976, have since died of the disease. Four of the deaths occurred last year.

The evidence suggests that the patients received hormone infected with an as yet unidentified slow-acting virus that is believed to be the cause of the disease. The oldest of the six was 34, and the youngest 20, at the time of death.

The onset of the disease is extremely uncommon before middle-age. The British victims bring to 16 the worldwide total of cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease after hormone treatment.

Researchers from the Institute of Child Health, London, and the Children's Hospital, Sheffield, say in the journal: "Although the feared epidemic of this disease has not yet occurred, the rising number of cases suggests that people should remain alert to public health implications. As no single hormone batch was common to these six patients, multiple contaminations with the infective agent must have occurred."

The oldest surviving patient treated with the hormone is now 47, and lifelong surveillance of all of them is essential to assess both the benefits and possible adverse consequences of the treatment, the doctors say. "All patients treated with pituitary growth hormone have a small but presently undefined risk of developing Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. General practitioners and neurologists need to be aware of this possibility."

Growth hormone preparations are now produced by genetic engineering and carry no risk.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease causes progressive dementia, deterioration of the intellect and personality, and sudden muscular contractions. Death usually occurs within three to 12 months of the onset of symptoms, and there is no treatment.

Britain exports bird-watching skills to Saudis

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

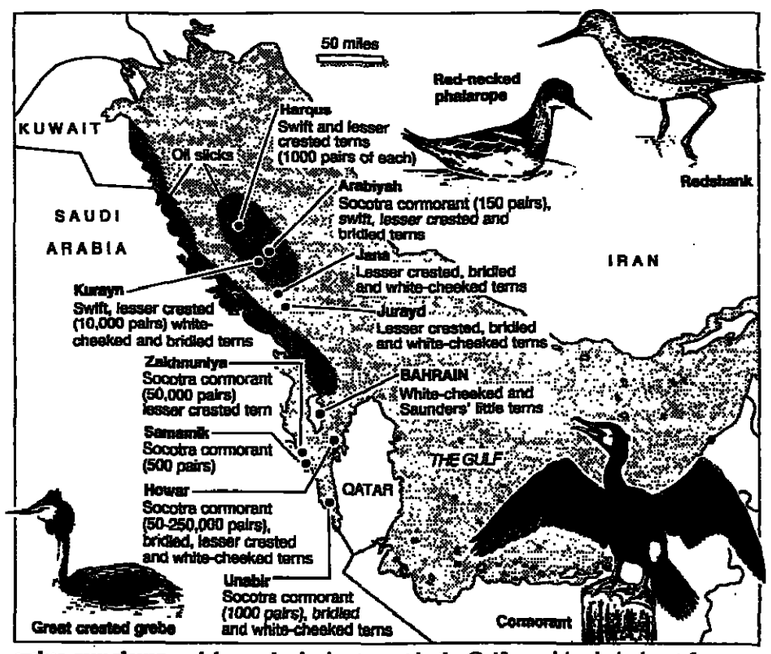
BRITISH ornithologists flew to Saudi Arabia yesterday to teach the Saudis advanced bird-watching skills as part of the clean-up operation in the Gulf. The skill of recognising a distant redshank is Britain's latest export to the Gulf state.

Bird-watching skills are common in Europe but much rarer in the Third World. The eight scientists, five from Britain, two from The Netherlands and one from Egypt, are to teach local conservation workers techniques of bird recognition and counting, as part of an attempt to establish an accurate picture of the Gulf's resident and migratory bird life. The data could then be used to help to prevent environmental damage in future oil spills.

Rather than helping directly with the present clean-up, the team, sent by the International Council for Bird Preservation, with the support of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, will conduct a two-month study of migrant waders, such as redshanks, along the Saudi coast, and breeding seabirds, such as lesser crested terns, on offshore islands. Mike Parr, of the International Council, based in Cambridge, said that an earlier reconnaissance trip by the two organisations found that much basic information about Gulf bird-life was lacking.

"Very little is known about the distribution, movements and total numbers of waders in the Gulf," he said. "Do waders congregate in one or more spots before flying north, or are they trickling through the bays all the way along the coast? To cope with future oil spills we will need to know which areas need particular protection."

The team is going out at the request of the Saudi National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development, which is overseeing the operation to clean up the oil and rescue wildlife, and will be taking the commission's workers out to develop their bird recognition skills. A number of species familiar to British bird-watchers have been affected while wintering or migrating in the Gulf, including redshanks, red-necked phalaropes, great-crested grebes, grey plovers and dunlin, although most of these individual birds will be heading north to the tundra of Siberia to breed rather than heading for Britain.



Less familiar species beginning to nest in the Gulf about now, and also threatened, include bridled, white-cheeked and lesser-crested terns, and Socotra cormorants.

☐ *To recognise a distant redshank, look out for prominent white wing-bars and a white rump, and listen for a distinctive two-note or three-note fluting call.*

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Yeltsin's triumph follows trade-off with Communists

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

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In theory, this gives the Russian parliament the right to approve legislation concerning the republic's presidency, which it might proceed to do. However, the parliament is very finely balanced between radicals and conservatives. The Communists are, if anything, better organised in the parliament than in congress, and in recent months they have been able to block or dilute any measures that Mr Yeltsin tried to introduce.

Giving parliament more power is not, therefore, the same as giving Mr Yeltsin and the radicals more power. Igor Bratishchev, the deputy chairman of the Communist bloc, said yesterday that the Communists had obtained a written deal on the restructuring and membership of parliamentary committees and commissions, where many of the real decisions are taken. This was presumably achieved in exchange for Communist support for presidential elections, although Mr Bratishchev did not say so.

The Russian president might, therefore, find it even more difficult to push his policies through parliament. On the other hand, he might have greater certainty that any decision that passes through the committees will also get through parliament.

The Communists hinted yesterday that although they had yielded on the principle of a Russian president and on direct elections, they would continue to fight on two fronts. They want the powers of a president clearly defined and limited, and they would question the constitutionality of an executive presidency for Russia. As well as the regular sessions of parliament, there will be a full congress at the end of May. this will give the Commmunists the chance to stall, block or temper Mr Yeltsin's rise to power if they wish to do so.

The other question-mark over Mr Yeltsin's victory this week concerns his struggle against Mr Gorbachev for financial and political control of the Russian Federation. Although his image has been enhanced, it is doubtful whether the Russian leader can wrest more real power from the centre.

Relations between the centre and Russia are deadlocked. Mr Yeltsin, like the leaders of many republics, is threatening the centre with bankruptcy by withholding budget contributions. The centre has, however, been able to confiscate banknotes and raise prices. Both sides are issuing resolutions and laws, but there is as yet no accepted division of power and the laws cannot be implemented.

Yeltsin turn tables, page 1



Food for thought: Albanian children taking a break from classes to enjoy a small bottle of fruit juice each at a kindergarden in Tirana, where there is a chronic shortage of fresh fruit. Their daily allowance is part of the much-needed food aid Italy has sent to Albania

ohl pledges turn sour for Erfurt

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

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The promise of Erfurt has now gone sour. Today one worker in three in eastern Germany has no full-time job, prices are rising faster than wages and polls show the chancellor would only scrape home if there were an election tomorrow.

Strongly criticised for failing to visit the east since his election victory, Herr Kohl has decided to cut short his planned Easter break and to make the first of a series of trips there with a return to Erfurt. This time, however, no vast rally is planned.

Instead, he wants to be seen carrying out an on-the-spot investigation into local problems. He will go to church, tour the town with the mayor, lunch in a Catholic hospital, confer with local councillors and state government members and then face the press.

The difficulty of luring new investors to the east, despite extensive government support, is forcing Herr Kohl to change tack in his strategy for rebuilding the economy there. Treuhand, the government agency charged with privatising the old combines, is now seeking an extra DM400 billion (£135 billion) up to the turn of the century to help restructure companies rather than shut them down.

The more brutal but swifter method of closure, used initially by Detlev Rohwedder, the Treuhand president who was murdered this week, is now seen as potentially dangerous because of the number of redundancies it creates. Treuhand now favours more consultation with local representatives to balance what is socially needed with what is economically viable.

In Erfurt tomorrow the chancellor will try to present this acceptable new face of unification. He will explain that in promising a year ago that nobody would be worse off, he was looking to the medium-term future, and that for a year or two every German must be prepared to make sacrifices in order to achieve this goal.

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From GAVIN BELL
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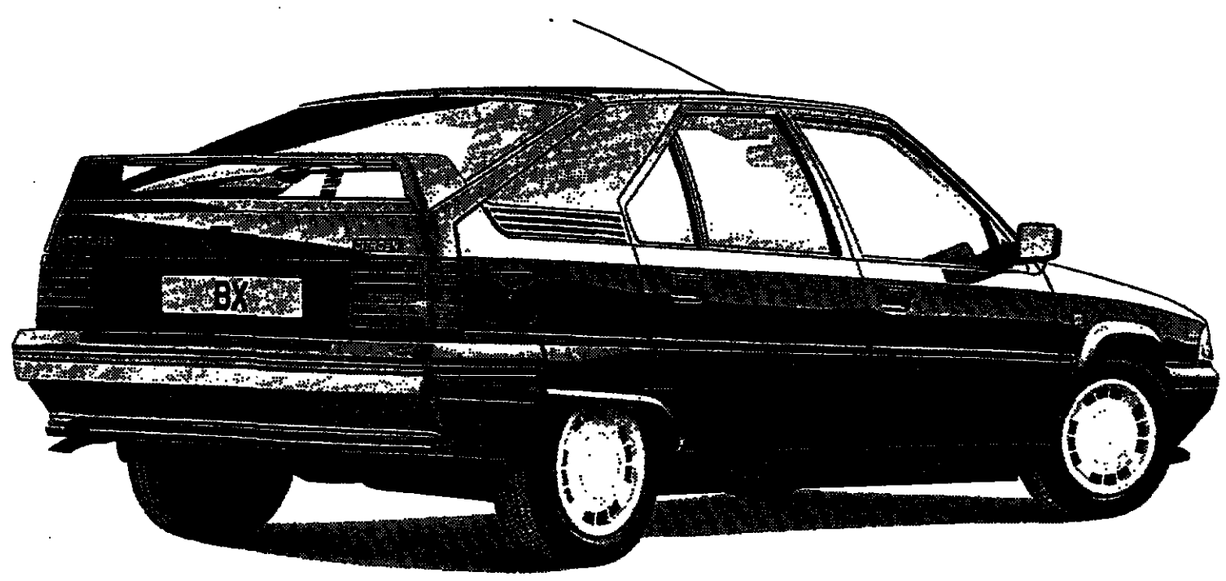
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Threat to peace allows world body to override charter

Self-interest has tempted most governments into a conspiracy of silence on human rights violations, Marc Weller writes. In the case of Iraq, however, the UN already has the authority to apply military force

THE outrages committed by Iraq against its Kurdish minority finally may have shocked the United Nations into action. At least a verbal condemnation may be forthcoming from the security council, which might also urge the international community to render humanitarian assistance to those seeking sanctuary in neighbouring states.

The security council might also wish to provide humanitarian assistance to the threatened minorities within Iraq itself. But as the organisation has failed tragically to include in this week's ceasefire terms an obligation to exercise restraint and accept such an aid programme, its implementation might encounter Baghdad's opposition. In principle this should not create an insurmountable obstacle, for the United Nations does actually have the authority to threaten and, if need be, to apply military force to bring to an end the horrendous suffering within Iraq.

Although the United Nations Charter prohibits interference by the organisation in matters essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of member states, this prohibition does not apply once the council has made a formal finding that the situation in question threatens international peace and security. And, on occasion, the suppression of a population by its own government has been interpreted to constitute such an international threat. So far this has occurred only in narrow and exceptional cases involving special issues, such as those relating to apartheid in South Africa and colonialism.

Over the centuries, international law has evolved into a powerful shield, guarding the freedom of action of state authorities within their respective territories. This reluctance of the international community to get involved in other, more general, circumstances of extensive and systematic violations of basic human rights is not altogether surprising. The interest in avoiding precedents which might undermine the untrammelled exercise of state authority, including their own, has tempted most governments into a conspiracy of silence. Atrocities committed by the organs of a state against its own citizens have therefore mostly gone unchallenged in international society.

The killing of Armenians was allowed to continue for years early in this century. When the second world war broke out, the allies did not go into battle to end nazi excesses against Jews and other persecuted minorities. Rather, war was waged to defend other states and governments which had been subjected to aggression. Still, the scale of the outrages committed by the German regime against the civilians under its authority led to the adoption of the Genocide Convention of 1948. But in line with other human rights treaties, that convention did not establish a right of individual states to intervene militarily in order to stop atrocities while they are in progress. It only created a limited jurisdictional basis to try political leaders after the event, when it is, in fact, too late.

The Genocide Convention did, however, affirm the right of action of the United Nations. But for practical reasons the security council would have to rely on the coalition to restrain forcibly the Iraqi government. President Bush, weary of involvement in internal conflicts, is unlikely to support such a move.

Other states actively oppose taking measures which might seem to affirm the applicability of the right of self-determination, and possibly secession, to minorities like the Kurds. The Soviet Union, China and the neutral and non-aligned states, represented by India in the council, have their own skeletons in the cupboard and are reluctant to admit the principle of humanitarian intervention in this context.

Failing UN action, individual states have taken the matter into their own hands sometimes. Indian troops entered East Pakistan in 1971 to bring about the secession of Bangladesh and initially justified the operation on humanitarian grounds. When Tanzania intervened in Uganda in 1979, it deposed the brutal government of Idi Amin. Neither action was condemned by the United Nations.

However, quite often the intervening states have pursued an agenda of their own when entering another jurisdiction and toppling a foreign government. Thus, Vietnam's defeat of the murderous Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge was not welcomed, but condemned at the United Nations. The intervention of the United States in a number of civil conflicts, ostensibly to further democracy, has been criticised severely, most recently for example in the cases of Grenada and Panama. Authorisation from the United Nations is necessary therefore to overcome the suspicion that a "humanitarian" intervention is, in fact, being undertaken in the pursuit of national interests.

Recently there have been signs that the world organisation may be willing to break through the armour of state sovereignty in circumstances other than those involving pariah states such as South Africa. Last summer the little-known Economic Community of West African States interposed itself between the warring factions in Liberia and declared and enforced a ceasefire. This measure was communicated to the security council which tacitly approved by permitting the rendering of humanitarian aid in support of the operation. Now the members of the United Nations are faced with the challenge to expand on this practice through positive action. The law, at least, provides no excuse for the failure to do so.

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Rebel leadership spurns Saddam offer of amnesty

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ'S leadership, in an attempt to forestall action by the United Nations Security Council, yesterday offered an amnesty to Kurds who took part in the rebellion against President Saddam Hussein. Kurdish leaders promptly rejected the offer, saying they did not trust Saddam and that his helicopter gunships were still attacking convoys of civilians heading for the Iranian and Turkish borders.

A decree issued by Saddam's ruling Revolutionary Command Council gave the Kurds inside Iraq one week to take advantage of the offer, and those who had escaped two weeks to return. More than half of Iraq's four million Kurds are reported to have fled from their homes, most in such fear of Saddam's forces that they entered icy mountain wastelands ill-equipped. Hundreds are said to have died of hunger, exposure and wounds inflicted by government forces.

The Iraqi News Agency said the decree covered all Kurds except those who "committed murder, rape and looting during acts of riot and treason".

Dizayee Mohsen, a spokesman for the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, the coalition of the main Kurdish groups, said: "We reject the offer because we do not trust Saddam Hussein. In his eyes we are all guilty of treason because every Kurd was involved in this uprising, from young children to old men."

Iraq's state-controlled media have persistently portrayed those involved in the popular uprising as godless criminals, looters and saboteurs. "Do you think any of us would get a fair trial before being executed?" Mr Mohsen asked.

In Damascus, a spokesman for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan said civilians who had witnessed the killings would not return to their homes while Saddam was in power and "would rather die of hunger and cold than be killed by his army".

The amnesty offer was aimed specifically at Kurdish deserters from the police and armed forces who joined the rebellion. Saddam hoped to boost his depleted forces by bringing back deserters, "but as soon as he feels strong again, these would be slaughtered", Mr Mohsen said. "Saddam never forgets." He estimated that 100,000 Kurdish army soldiers and up to 150,000 paramilitary troops had defected to rebel ranks.

Even as the amnesty offer was made, government helicopters were firing on civilians and convoys in the mountains and dropping napalm and phosporus bombs, Mr Mohsen said.

The Kurds claim some successes in hit-and-run attacks against government forces in several towns. They insist that they are not finished as a fighting force and that they have virtual control of the countryside.

Kurdish *peshmergas* were living up to their name and facing death in suicide attacks, according to the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan spokesman. "Our men have formed suicide guerrilla units and are attacking the enemy forces in Dahuk, Arbil and Kirkuk areas. There were casualties among them," he said.

Masoud Barzani, the Kurdish leader, urged Kurdish rebels on Thursday to die fighting, as it was a better fate than living in refugee camps in Iran or Turkey.

With the possibility that more than a million refugees might soon be camped inside Iran, Saddam must also fear that Tehran will arm them to fight another day.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE







Diplomatic incident: Police marksmen stake out the Iraqi embassy in London after it was stormed yesterday by Kurds protesting at President Saddam Hussein's "genocidal" mass killing of their countrymen as they flee from Iraq. One of the protesters is seen at the window of the embassy annexe which they ransacked as they threw documents into the street. The three-and-a-half hour siege ended when the Kurds were led from the building in Queen's Gate by armed police after surrendering on condition that they could shout their grievances against the Iraqi dictator to the press corps covering the demonstration.

Britain first to send aid to the refugees

By ALICE THOMSON AND RICHARD FORD

BRITAIN yesterday was the first country to airlift emergency supplies of tents and blankets to Turkey as part of the £20 million aid given by the government to help the Kurds. Dr George Carey, the new Archbishop of Canterbury, welcomed the donation, but said more cash was required to ease their suffering.

He appealed to the British people to open their "hearts and purses" and to give generously to the plight of the Kurds fleeing Iraqi repression.

Yesterday a Boeing 707 made two round trips to Turkey, carrying £500,000 worth of emergency aid. The Turkish Red Crescent distributed the supplies among 7,000 Kurds stranded near the Turkish border.

The two flights were part of the government's "immediate interim response" to the desperate situation. The government also gave £500,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross. The ICRC, the only international relief agency allowed to operate in Iraq, yesterday sent a team of relief workers based in Baghdad to the north to assess the problems facing the Kurds. The rest of the £20 million donation will be given to the UN appeal fund next week.

Dr Carey, speaking at Lambeth Palace in his first address as archbishop, said he hoped the British public would respond quickly because the human need was desperate.

The Labour party, too, urged ministers yesterday to do more to provide aid for the Kurdish refugees.

China balks at Kurd precedent

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security Council was heading towards a close vote yesterday on whether to save the Iraqi Kurds. Britain and the United States gave their solid support to a French draft resolution condemning Iraqi repression of the Kurds and insisting that Baghdad allow cross-border aid.

But China, which holds a veto on the security council, was said to be strongly opposed to what it saw as interference in Iraq's domestic affairs in violation of the UN Charter. The Chinese fear setting a precedent for UN intervention elsewhere, particularly in support of Tibet or the Chinese pro-democracy campaigners.

Cuba, India and Yemen shared China's objections. Ecuador, Romania, Zimbabwe and the Soviet Union, another veto-bearing power, were regarded as the swing votes on the 15-nation council. To pass, the French draft resolution needed to win nine votes and escape a Chinese or Soviet veto. Austria, Belgium, Ivory Coast and Zaire were expected to vote with the Western powers, making a total of only seven sure votes.

One Western diplomat deeply involved in the negotiations said: "This is not going to be a resolution that is going to attract the level of support of previous Iraq-Kuwait resolutions. This is one of the genuinely unpredictable votes in the council."

A complaint by Turkey that Iraq's repression of the Kurds was driving hundreds of thousands of people towards the Turkish frontier, endangering international peace, provided the justification for UN intervention. Iran added its voice to the Turkish appeal yesterday with a letter to the UN secretary-general, saying: "The magnitude of the suffering of Iraqi refugees, its international character and its consequences for regional peace and security make a concerted international reaction by the security council a political and humanitarian imperative."

Iran said about 500,000 Iraqis would try to cross the Iranian border in the next few days and about 110,000 had already done so.

The French draft is littered with references to threats to international peace and security — terminology that permits security council action. The text condemns "the repression of the Iraqi civilian population in many parts of Iraq, including most recently in Kurdish populated areas", and demands an immediate end to the Iraqi attacks. The draft also insists that Iraq "engage in an open dialogue to ensure that the human and political rights of all Iraqi citizens are respected".

Nato condemns Iraqi abuses

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

NATO yesterday issued the strongest condemnation of Iraq's treatment of the Kurds to come from an international body, speaking of "massive violations of human rights".

But a spokesman, after a meeting of ambassadors here, did not refer to any specific means by which Iraqi action might be prevented. The 16 members of Nato, he said, "strongly condemn the brutal repression ... hold the Iraqi government responsible. They stress that every pressure must be brought to bear by the international community ... to stop the repression without delay."

Nato is particularly concerned about the repercussions of the crisis on Turkey, its only member directly affected as the number of refugees estimated to be on the Turkish side of the border yesterday passed 250,000.

"People are worried about Iraqi exploding into little fragments," Francisco Ordóñez, the Spanish foreign minister, said. "Because of that, we must wait and observe." The French conservative daily, *Le Figaro*, summed up journalistic criticism with the crisp formulation: "Humbug. Everybody condemns it. Nobody does a thing."

While governments also stopped short of advocating military intervention, leading European statesmen were calling into question international law which bars outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states.

"I do not believe this is an internal affair of Iraq in which we may not get involved," Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, said. "This is genocide and an act by Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein, which threatens peace." Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said that France would lead a debate on whether a "duty of intervention" could be written into international law.

Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, said that the tragedy had clearly shown that the UN's powers were inadequate.

Foreign Office reluctant to use 'genocide' label

By MICHAEL KNIPE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN stopped short yesterday of echoing Germany in describing Iraq's actions against its Kurdish community as genocide. The Foreign Office said that while there was ample evidence of unacceptable violence being used, this was not the same as evidence of intent by Iraq to perpetrate genocide as defined by the United Nations.

Amnesty International and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees also declined to use the emotive term genocide, saying simply that hundreds of people had been summarily killed.

While there is evidence of an exodus of Kurds and circumstantial evidence that many have been killed and more have died because of the conditions encountered during their flight, there is little evidence of specific acts by the Iraqis that can be labelled genocide or of a specific policy that is clearly genocidal.

David McDowall, a British specialist in Kurdish affairs, conceded that President Saddam Hussein could easily claim that the Kurds had fled of their own volition. They may have done this because of the harsh retribution they could expect, but that was not necessarily genocide. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, had no compunction at using the term, however, and neither had Jacques Poos, Luxembourg's foreign minister.

The UN convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime defines genocide as any of a series of acts committed with the intention to destroy "in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group". The acts listed include killing members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births or forcibly transferring children of the group to another group. Iraq is among those nations which have ratified the convention.



Poos: accuses Iraq of crimes against Kurds

Ironically, Iraq has in the past recognised Kurdish rights to a greater say in their affairs more than either Iran or Turkey, which also have sizeable Kurdish communities. It has also been involved in more serious confrontations with the Kurds.

Latif Rashid, London representative of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, cites as evidence of Iraq's genocidal policies the fact that more than 5,000 villages have been destroyed and that between three and four million Kurds are now fleeing for their lives. It was the doctrine of the ruling Baath policy in Iraq, he said, that Kurds were regarded as foreign agents and the Iraqi Baathist solution was to force Kurds to become Arabs.

Mr McDowall said the best pointer to whether Iraq was conducting a genocidal policy was the systematic destruction in 1988 of the mountain habitat of 1.5 million Kurds. "As Kurdish culture is essentially a mountain one, this act fell clearly into the category of genocide," he said.

Street battles flare in Kuwait capital

From JAMIE DETTMER IN KUWAIT CITY

THE spectre of Beirut d little closer to Kuwait early yesterday after Pal ian gunmen opened fi Kuwaiti soldiers in thre tricts and continued sp fighting for more tha hours.

There were uncon reports that two Kuwai diers had been killed. A American officer, who ed that he just happene passing through one districts, said he believ gunmen were from the "They were profession said. "They kept wron ing the Kuwaitis."

Dozens of soldiers fr Kuwaiti special forces retreat from a street Salmiyah district wh gunmen fired an RPG et-launcher. In a sepa tack, gunmen fired at a station in the Pale Hawally district.

The skirmishes, whic ted at about 9pm on day, were the most since Kuwait was lib Western diplomats sa gun battles marked an tion in the troubles be Kuwaitis and Palestinia

In Salmiyah, a mixe waiti-Palestinian distri fighting began when were fired at an army point in one of the main thoroughfares. Sp gunfire continued for than an hour until K special forces arrived.

The Kuwaiti officers ed unsure how to coun attacks. Every now an they ordered their troops up vehicle checkpoints middle of streets, exp them to gunfire. Their was made harder as the men kept moving po after each burst of firing.

At one point I was a with seven Kuwaiti sol behind a wall in Salm where we thought we wou safe from gunfire coming an empty office block. shots were fired at us behind, forcing us to towards the source of original gunfire.

By midnight the Ku army had brought doze Jeeps equipped with h machineguns and five oured personnel carriers the district. Soldiers seale more than a dozen streets house-to-house searches carried out, but no guns found. I saw several Pale ians being beaten by sold who were shouting at t "go back to Jordan" "Iraqi collaborator".

Western diplomats journalists have been war the city for weeks Palestinians might m serious retaliatory attacks the beatings carried out Kuwaiti and Saudi sold and by militias linked to emirate's ruling al-Sabah f ily. More than 2,000 Pale ians are estimated to be detention and human ri groups believe that up t hundred might have b killed.

Last week Sheikh Saad Sabah, the crown pri warned several junior m bers of the family that t would be punished if t continued to encourage t newly formed militias to s and beat Palestinians. warnings seemed to calm situation. During the past days, however, Kuwaiti diers in Salmiyah, Hawa and Firwaniyah have b taking Palestinians from th homes and beating them police stations and tempor army buildings.

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Hurd backs down over great to halt rport plan

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

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Mr Hurd described his two days of talks with Li Peng, the prime minister, and Jiang Zemin, the Communist party general secretary, as "hard-pounding", and said that, although reasonable progress had been made, he was "not home and dry".

With the handshake between Mr Hurd and Mr Li, Sino-British relations were effectively returned to normal after nearly two years of frosty relations and sanctions after the Tiananmen killings. Western sources said that Mr Li was co-operative and agreed that it was necessary that Hong Kong should have a new airport.

Chinese television news quoted Mr Hurd as saying that in the past dark shadows had apeared in Sino-British relations but that these shadows had gone. The television also quoted Mr Jiang as saying that the past was past and that both countries should now look to the future.

Mr Hurd threatened on Wednesday that, if the Chinese did not drop their objections over the airport, the project would be shelved. He appeared to be hoping to panic Peking into approving the scheme, since it also believes that Hong Kong is in need of a new airport.

It now appears, however, that Mr Hurd's comments were little more than bluster, and that in the face of Chinese intransigence Britain is prepared to give way rather than to scrap the airport.

The airport project was first planned as a gesture of confidence in the future prosperity of Hong Kong and its continued role as a financial and business centre. To shelve the project would have been tantamount to abandoning all hope of maintaining confidence in the future of the colony.



Innocent victims: a hostage shot by a gang who took over an electronics shop in Sacramento, California, edging to safety after being released as others stand in line inside. Three gunmen and three hostages were killed when police stormed the shop in a shopping mall after an eight-hour siege, the sheriff's department said. At least 13 hostages were wounded and a fourth gunmen was seriously wounded in the siege by dozens of officers. The gunmen, members of an Asian youth gang called the Oriental Boys, originally took more than 30 customers and sales assistants hostage. They demanded safe passage to Thailand, guns, bullet-proof vests and a helicopter, Glen Craig, the Sacramento county sheriff, said. Three gunmen were killed by police, who threw stun grenades and shot out the store's main window when they stormed in. The gunmen wounded two hostages before officers stormed the shop, and shot at more after the assault began, Sheriff Craig said. Earlier, police using a Vietnamese interpreter had negotiated by telephone with the raiders, who released four adults and five children. *(Reuter, AP)*

Australia heads for republic status

From ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S transformation to an independent republic is now "inevitable", Bob Hawke, the prime minister, announced yesterday.

At a national conference in Sydney on constitutional reform, attended by Mr Hawke and Australia's five state premiers, it was proposed that the change to a republic, led by a president, would be most appropriate in 2001, the centenary year of the Australian Federation. The final decision on timing will be decided by a new constitutional study group headed, perhaps ironically, by Sir Ninian Stephen, the Queen's former governor-general to Australia.

"It is inevitable Australia will become a republic," Mr Hawke said. "It still would be something which for a lot of people would be hurtful. But for an increasing number of the Australian population I think there is probably a feeling that Australia should, in all its constitutional and legal apparatus, be seen to be — and in fact be — totally independent."

This is the clearest sign yet that Australia is ready to break its constitutional, legal and royal ties to Britain.

Former Haitian leader jailed

Port-au-Prince — The former president of Haiti, Ertha Pascal-Trouillot, who led the country to its first democratic elections, was jailed on Thursday for conspiring to overthrow her own government.

Her arrest stemmed from a foiled coup in January by supporters of the ousted Duvalier family. The coup leaders were trying to prevent Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who had been elected president, from assuming office. *(AP)*

Rabies death

Sydney — A 10-year-old Vietnamese girl has died of rabies in the third case of the disease recorded in Australia, which is rabies-free. Health officials said the girl was believed to have been infected in Vietnam. Family, schoolfriends and hospital staff were under medical observation. *(Reuter)*

Rape by woman

Johannesburg — A 37-year-old woman was found guilty of statutory rape after admitting having had a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old boy. She had pleaded not guilty on the grounds that she did not know it was wrong to have sex with someone under 16. The magistrate postponed the case for sentencing. *(AFP)*

YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

abloids cash in on Kennedys

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other woman says half-nude senator chased her around mansion".

While the Palm Beach police have denied press claims that they are trying to protect the Kennedys, the alleged victim's father told a Boston newspaper that he was infuriated by the lack of progress and he had hired two criminal lawyers to protect his daughter's interests.

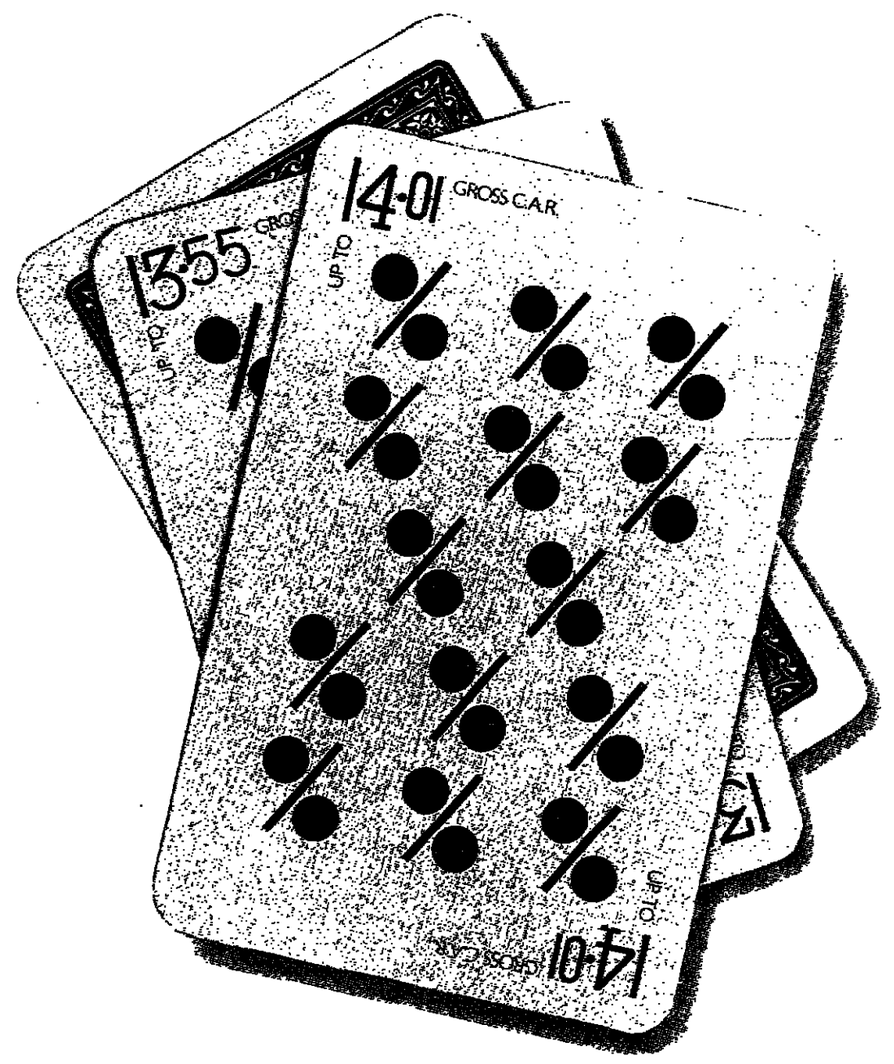
As the venue of much diabolical behaviour, Palm Beach was an appropriate place for an unusual TV broadcast last night. For the first time in America, the Catholic Church allowed cameras to witness an exorcism. A New York priest was shown ordering the devil to leave the body of *Gina*, aged *16*. Viewers saw her retching and writhing as Father James LeBar said: "I command the spirit of evil to leave now."

"We don't want to leave, we want Gina," the demons are heard replying through the girl's voice. *Keith Symons, bishop of* Palm Beach, said he had granted permission for the programme because Satan was omnipresent. "The Devil really exists. He is powerful and actively at work in the world today, as through the centuries." The decision upset many Catholics, but opinion polls suggest that about 40 per cent of Americans believe in the existence of Satan.

Left-handed Americans, among them President Bush, have received worrying news this week. Researchers have found that left-handed people can expect to die an average of nine years earlier than right-handed citizens.

Diane Halpern and Stanley Coren, who reported their work in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, said their findings came from a study of 2,000 deaths in California.

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A novel type of Catholic

Clifford Longley

Since Graham Greene's death on Wednesday, whether or in what sense he was Roman Catholic has been almost as much discussed as whether or in what sense he was a great writer. While he was alive he sensed the puzzlement, and at odd moments added to it. Like a criminal disguising his deed, he chose to conceal *his* religious identity not with too few clues but with too many.

Greeneland, the metaphysical landscape of his novels, was full of bad Catholics in various degrees of sin and doubt, mostly repulsive, some of them likeable in spite of it. Few of them debated whether they were really Catholics, though they did wonder how to make the best of being bad ones. Like God, Greene loved the sinners he had created. That they feared to love God because they were sinners was part of the reason they were in Greeneland, part of the old Catholic neurosis of being a failure and knowing it.

Greene's mischievous genie decreed he must never appear on television or film, with the exception of an arm and a leg here and there: in much the same way bits of himself flitted in and out of his novels. This may be his clue to interpreting his many utterances about his own religion: he never showed all of himself, only the spiritual equivalent of an arm or a leg. He was an "agnostic Catholic" who thought doubt more important than faith, who carried a photograph of the miracle-working Padre Pio everywhere he went, and said Hail Marys every night and on planes.



Greeneland: slipping into the past along with guilt and fear of sin

Those who would dechurch this self-declared doubter and sinner, who say he was scarcely a Catholic at all, say so on one of two counts, depending whether the doubt or the sin worries them most. The emphasis on doubt is based on the Protestant idea of salvation by faith alone (the idea is embraced by non-believers, but they are Protestant non-believers). If it is necessary to believe in order to be saved, then Greene's off-handedness about his religious convictions must put him on the margin.

The repugnance of the righteous "good Catholic" for those who are enjoying themselves is one of the church's more doleful wounds, as Greene did not need telling. Most of the novels contain such a figure, who insists that being good is the road to salvation. Sinning is contrary to good works, so because of his mistresses or whatever, Greene must have put himself beyond the church – but with an outside chance, like Evelyn Waugh's Lord Marchmain, of death-bed repentance.

But Greene's theology of the mystery of grace is much better than either of these critical approaches: closer than either to the Gospel. Far from not being a Catholic or hardly one, he was the post-modern Catholic par excellence. The old distinctions between "good Catholic" and "bad Catholic", "practising Catholic" and "lapsed Catholic", do not work any more, though some Catholics seem to be stuck with them. Excommunication has become impossibly difficult, reserved for schismatic archbishops. Lapsing is not much easier, now that the church refuses to regard non-attendance at mass as a mortal sin (indeed, does not even recognise the language). In some Catholic parishes, one third of the babies brought for baptism are of Catholic parents who are living together without marriage. Are the parents "lapsed"? Are the babies?

The old Catholic preoccupations of guilt and fear of sin seem to be slipping into the past, and with them, so is Greeneland. David Lodge's novel *How Far Can You Go?* was Greeneland's funeral oration: "As far as you like" is the post-modern answer. This is one of the ironic results of the relaxation of church control over the faithful which resulted from the anti-contraception encyclical *Humanae Vitae* of 1968. Attendance at confession has dropped, morbid scrupulosity about sin has declined. Is a Catholic who uses contraception "lapsed"? One who is divorced? A priest who marries? Nobody answers such questions any more. If all are sinners, all may be saved.

So Greeneland is becoming obsolete, just as Greene's own style of Catholicism becomes universal. Post-modern Catholics belong to the church as Englishmen belong to England. They may sit abroad muttering denunciations into their whisky, but they are part of the "we", and know that whether curse or blessing, it is not something they can change.

Greene said nobody should be a Catholic unless he has to. It is not the mysterious remark it sounds, when it is compared with nobody should be a Jew unless he has to. Jews know that feeling well. They did not volunteer to be Jews. They may hate the very idea: it makes no difference.

What Catholics and Jews have in common in this respect, they also have in common with Muslims. All three have a sense of belonging to a "people", like being members of a nation or race (and those are not chosen either). Jews have race to fall back on, which makes being a lapsed Jew even more impossible. Islam maintains that no Muslim can lapse – as Salman Rushdie found to his cost. Catholicism has only recently invented the idea of leaving the church: canon law now makes it possible to renounce it formally, at which point all mutual claims cease. Yet such a person has not lapsed, but resigned to become something else.

British religion, on the other hand, has made normative either the "church invisible" of John Calvin or the established church of Elizabeth I, and finds Catholicism (and Islam and Judaism) hard to fit into either category. Lapsing from an invisible church is no big deal. An agnostic Calvinist is merely a Calvinist agnostic, a disbeliever with hang-ups, his noun and adjective interchangeable. An agnostic Catholic is a Catholic still; and a Catholic agnostic an entirely different being – or maybe impossible.

David Lipsey marks Grand National day with a call for a punter-bookmaker alliance

Back Honest Joe, not the owners

Today is the 30th anniversary of the most tragic event of my childhood. In the 1961 Grand National, Nicolaus Silver, the grey, pitched on landing at Becher's second time round, was picked off the floor by his jockey and proceeded to win handily. I had backed Merryman II (8-1), O'Malley Point (100-6) and Scottish Flight II (100-6), second, third and fourth respectively, to be first, second and third. Only. Nicolaus Silver saved McCloughlin's of Edinburgh, with whom I had an illegal postal account, from paying out a princely £265 18s 0d.

Before 3.20 this afternoon, the nation will have staked perhaps £60 million – roughly £1 for every man, woman and child – on the result of this year's race, and most (like me then) will lose. In theory, bookmakers always win. *The Sporting Life*, racing's daily encyclopaedia, has recently added to its service a calculation of the profit the bookmaker might expect on the average race. Frequently, as on the first day of the Grand National meeting, this profit can be very substantial indeed.

The living looks easy; and it is true that a higher proportion of bookmakers than punters drive Rolls Royces, smoke Havanas and winter in Barbados. To relieve them of their profits, the House of Commons select committee on home affairs is likely to recommend that the bookies pay more into horse racing.

Racecourse bookies operate in the nearest equivalent to that Shangri La of economists, the perfect market. What this means in practice is (from the bookie's point of view) less than perfect. For some time before the race, punters circulate comparing the prices chalked on the various boards. Only at the last minute do the big backers spring forward. Some poor bookmaker, who has made the mistake of offering (say) 13-8 about a horse that should really be 6-4, will suddenly find himself deluged with bets.

He can, of course, rub out his offer; or send a runner to a neighbouring bookmaker and back the same horse to cancel out some of his liability; or (if he does not mind being thought a wimp) simply refuse the bet. All this has to be decided in an instant, with perfect appreciation of a rather complex mathematical calculation.

Successful bookmaking requires a lightning-fast intelligence, extraordinary powers of decision, and a not inconsiderable courage. When you lose, you must pay up as if you did not care, or risk having your solvency questioned.

Running a betting shop offcourse is easier. The proprietor enjoys a near monopoly, thanks to licensing restrictions which prevent the opening of two shops near one another. The action is slower. Many punters bet at starting prices, where the odds against each horse more closely reflect its true chance. Recent research at Southampton University shows that punters betting at starting prices end up losing more than half their money, while the better-informed who take set prices chalked up on boards make a profit. Nevertheless, every year, betting shop owners go under, or are taken over by the big chains. No tears need be shed for them. They chose their business. Under capitalism, the two spurs are hope of riches and fear of penury. Bookmakers experience both to an extreme degree. They must take the rough with the smooth.

But their virtues should not be underestimated either. They provide a service that punters transparently want. They tend to be efficient. They pay their taxes (well, mostly they pay their taxes) at 8 per cent to the Exchequer. They are as valid a part of a service economy as stockbrokers, who provide a more upmarket service of a very similar kind.

Yet punters have long talked of bookmakers as the old enemy. Perhaps in 1991, both sides should think again, and unite against a common enemy, the rich and rapacious ranks of the racehorse owners.

The racing industry has turned itself into a powerful lobby for more subsidy. The home secretary is battered by requests that the 0.9 per cent of betting mo present paid in levy to hors be increased. What should larly make the blood boil flippant verdict of the sele mittee that bookmakers sh asked to pay more into This, of course, means mo *prize-money* for the owner whereas there are rich book poor bookies, only the well ever own racehorses.

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Surviving a satanic slur



South Ronaldsay yesterday: calm after the storm as children and parents were reunited

Kerry Gill reports from the Orkneys on the web of myth and feud that led to the child-abuse affair

After more than a month, the nine children in the Orkney child sex abuse case have been returned to their families; Sheriff Kelbie's forthright criticism of the social workers involved is reverberating throughout the islands. How could it happen again after the Cleveland case, a public enquiry and more recently the criticisms of the Rochdale cases?

So convinced were the social workers that pockets of ritual abuse existed on Orkney that Lord Justice Butler-Sloss's recommendation advising only "cautious, measured intervention" was thrown to the winds.

The Orkney case has distinctive features. The islands are remote; Orcadians are a separate people having little in common with their neighbours to the south; the accused parents were English newcomers, who had settled on Orkney's most southerly island of South Ronaldsay, several miles across the rough Pentland Firth.

The numerous English settlers, mostly from the south and midlands, have done their best to adapt to the way of life and have largely been accepted. All four of the accused families are English, middle-class and articulate. One family is Quaker, another Presbyterian, one is Jewish. They settled on Orkney to bring up their children away from the worst influences of modern life. They farm, fish and live in comparative simplicity, the epitome of the so-called good life. To most people they are unconventional.

Many of the wind-scourged farms they work have their origins more than 1,000 years ago when the Norwegians came, bringing with them their myths of giants and trolls, and witches. Pagan customs can still be found connected with life, work, marriage and death. At harvest, for example, straw emblems of fertility are made and exchanged. But some islanders refuse to speak of the tradition, believing that it has "lewd connotations".

Pockets of religious fundamentalism have grown in the last few years, and at least one group, the Orkney Christian Fellowship, has found enthusiastic adherents. The parents at the centre of the child-abuse enquiry believe that one of the social workers is a member.

Once the phenomenon of ritual sexual abuse became a talking point in Britain, it is not surprising that it found special resonance in Orkney. Mystery and the world of witches, not necessarily malign, are the stuff of the Orcadian heritage.

The islands' social work department believed that nine English children had been subjected to lewd behaviour involving ritual abuse by some of their parents. It was alleged that they had been sexually abused in rituals carried out in a small, partly water-filled quarry on South Ronaldsay. They still believe this despite the sheriff's withering criticism of their handling of the cases.

There has been a gradual build up to the present case. Rumours of satanic practices, though not involving sexual abuse, first emerged almost a year ago. They took hold when teenage girls returned from Orkney Christian Fellowship summer camps with stories that one of the group's ministers had spoken "in tongues" and had attempted to exorcise devils.

Then, last November, a conference on ritual abuse was held in Aberdeen. At least one social worker from Orkney attended and became convinced that it had occurred there. At about the same time a man on the island was convicted and jailed for the sexual abuse of some of his children. Eight of his children who remained at home with their mother were taken from their school into care. The four families at the centre of the latest allegations immediately offered their support to the mother, who, they felt, had been left to the mercy of uncaring and credulous authorities.

The mother then sought sanctuary with her ninth child at the home of Rev Morris McKenzie, the Church of Scotland minister of St Margaret's Hope. This perhaps heightened the idea of a connection between ritual abuse and the South Ronaldsay community. On the day the nine English children were taken from their homes, four police searched Mr McKenzie's manse, his church, car and garden for five hours and took away clerical vestments and other items. His alleged role is still being investigated by police.

But the social workers stand accused by the parents of running a vendetta against them simply because they successfully articulated and publicised their concern for that mother and he who are still in care.

Perhaps surprisingly, the antipathy towards t usually associated wit homogenous comm Orcadians have accept rival of the English. Hi local people turned ou their support to the fu at a meeting in St Hope, the largest village Ronaldsay.

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MATTHEW PARRIS

I call it audio actuality. It is a radio phenomenon. Video actuality, in television reporting, is where we leave the studio and show the viewers a picture of what the presenter is talking about. A news item about the closure of a dockyard, for instance, takes us from the man in a suit reading a report ("The closure of these docks would bring massive job losses") to a reporter in an open-neck shirt, standing on what appears to be a dock, saying: "It's docks like these that provide employment for hundreds of men."

It is the grown-up version of the illustrated children's storybook. Viewers (or children) get bored watching a narrator talking. They need a change of scene to maintain interest, help them visualise what has just been described, and take seriously what the narrator is saying. The man in the suit in the TV studio is the adult equivalent of your mother reading: "And then Goldilocks knocked at the door of the little house, but nobody answered. *Look*, [Mum points] *there's* Goldilocks, knocking at the door."

Of course a video picture of the thing to which the newsreader is referring does not make the report any more true. If you believe television is capable of making up the report, then you must believe it capable of simulating the scene, too. I once presented a programme about the "underclass" in Merseyside. We recorded the necessary footage of me talking about inner-city dereliction from a second world war bomb site near Kentish Town station, sensibly waiting until the London Transport buses had moved out of frame.

Sometimes, pictures are not so much deceptive as redundant. The urge to give viewers something new to look at every few seconds becomes an unreasoned reflex. How often have you heard a presenter say "Ever since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979" – accompanied by that same clip of a car drawing up in Downing Street? "It's cranes like these," I would say (the script instructing *library pic of crane*), "that will fall idle when the docks close." The library is sure to have a picture of a crane.

Nevertheless, the case for TV "actuality" remains valid: a picture may convey something that words cannot. Pictures often can. How much less often is understanding assisted by audio "actuality".

Audio actuality means those little clips, inserted into news reports, in which a reporter "on the spot" tells us what could equally well be told us by the newsreader (and often just has been), but in a more urgent "eyewitness" voice. Usually there is nothing to witness. A report about Lambeth council will be "illustrated" by an account from a reporter who is (we are told) "at" Lambeth town hall. It is delivered in a flat, tragic-sounding, uni-paced monotone, accentuating prepositions and lacking the light and shade used by people talking naturally. (You would get a hell of a shock if somebody actually started talking like that at a dinner party.)

Even the BBC World Service does it. Last week, reporting a statement by a Russian, it used a recording of the chap talking (in Russian) as a sort of background wallpaper noise, overlaid by an English translator's voice. You couldn't properly hear the Russian, of course. It was soon faded out. What was this for? Listeners who didn't believe the fellow said it?

A popular refinement takes audio actuality one stage further. The newsreader yields to an on-the-spot reporter, who in turn defers to an "interview" clip with a "real" member of the public, who says the same thing as the first two. The aim is to lend the report veracity. All it lends is inanity.

This example is from a London radio station on Thursday. The ambassador's remark I took down verbatim. The rest is paraphrased, and "Fiona Urgent-Voice" is not her real name.

Newsreader: "Meanwhile, United Nations concern *over* the plight of the Kurds is mounting. From New York, Fiona Urgent-Voice reports ...

Fiona Urgent-Voice: "There is growing concern among UN representatives here in New York over the situation of the Kurdish people. British ambassador to the UN Sir David Hannay says delegates are increasingly worried ..."

Sir David Hannay: "Of course we're all concerned about the plight of the Kurds and the things that are happening inside Iraq, and the French delegate raised that, but I think you have to look at these things a bit separately."

And now back to London.

Power politics by proxy

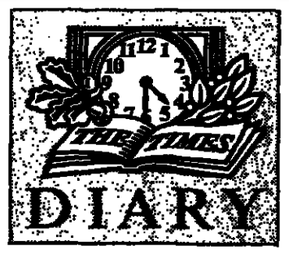
The long-standing rivalry between Mrs Thatcher and Edward Heath will resurface today when their private secretaries do battle for the safe Tory seat of Croydon North-east at the next general election.

Also in the running for the seat, now held by the Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, who is retiring, are his eldest son, also Bernard, and Lady Olga Maitland, who until this week was a newspaper columnist.

But all attention at today's constituency association interviews is focused on the duel between 26-year-old Robert Vaudry, Heath's right-hand man for the last three years, and 31-year-old John Whittingdale, Mrs Thatcher's political secretary at Downing Street. When Mrs Thatcher resigned, she asked Whittingdale to continue as head of her private office. Vaudry, for his part, was often seen on television in Baghdad, during Heath's trip. Both former PMs have enthusiastically endorsed their protégés, and are taking a keen interest in the outcome, which will be known next week.

Whether the standoff between Heath and Mrs Thatcher will enable the 39-year-old Weatherill junior to come through the middle remains to be seen. The family name counts for much in a constituency which his father has represented for 27 years, but there are of course charges of nepotism.

The Speaker, adopting the neutral stance he takes in Commons debates, has stayed out of the fray, but if local Tories do opt for his son, they will face a further problem. Weatherill is almost certain to follow his predecessor as Speaker, Lord Tonypandy, to the House of Lords as a hereditary peer. As his heir, Weatherill junior would one day face Tony Benn's old problem whether to renounce his peerage or force the party into an unwelcome by-election.



● *One of the first to propose autonomy for the Kurds was Winston Churchill. He made the proposal at a conference on the Middle East in Cairo in March 1921, shortly after becoming colonial secretary. According to his official biographer, Martin Gilbert, whose new single-volume study is published on Monday: "He feared an Iraqi ruler who would ignore Kurdish sentiment and oppress the Kurdish minority." Alas, says Gilbert, Churchill's advisers, including Lawrence of Arabia, dismissed these fears, believing that Britain would always have "a moderating influence in Baghdad".*

Breached

Another cherished tradition of the British legal system will be dispatched to the gallows next week when Helena Kennedy, the left-wing barrister, becomes a silk. Disdaining the usual skirt for her inauguration, she will become the first woman to wear the ceremonial knickerbockers traditionally reserved for men.

The diminutive Kennedy, who stands 5ft 2in without her wig, says: "I have no idea what my fellow silks will think, but there was great hilarity when I tried on the knickerbockers. I think they look wonderful. Whoever they were made for must have been either a very small silk or a page boy. They are a perfect fit."

But daring as her donning of the knickerbockers may be, Kennedy has her own sense of tradition. She will also wear the 60-year-old silk gown that once belonged to the socialist lawyer D.N. Pritt, who fought many famous trade union and anti-colonial cases. Pritt bequeathed it to Stephen Sedley, another left-wing QC, and ever since silks of radical disposition have worn it for their inaugurations. "Unfortunately," says Kennedy, "I still have to buy my own silk gown for everyday use. Pritt's has become very fragile."

A new gown costs £870, which may begin to explain the astronomical cost of consulting m'learned friends.

Goats story

Desmond Hobbs, mayor of Lynton in north Devon, is breathing easier now that the deportation of six of his most troublesome residents has been arranged. One of the more onerous duties of mayor is to watch over a 30-strong herd of Cheviot goats, local legend having it that if the herd ever leaves the vicinity, disaster will befall the town. But the goats breed so fast that Hobbs – an undertaker when he removes his mayoral chain – periodically



has to arrange a cull, a practice that invariably causes public uproar.

Thirty miles off the coast, the administrator of Lundy Island, John Puddy, has the opposite problem. Goats were introduced to the island half a century ago by the owner at the time as prey which he planned to relea The tigers never arrived, without them, Lundy's g lation is in danger of dyin

So the proposed transf of Lynton's unwanted Ch the island has delighted e Hobbs hopes the six will l large and very pungent that recently found its way town hall. "They stink heaven," he says.

● *Scientists are less like members of other profes sprinkle their speech with meaningless monosyllab have come to mar the beau spoken word – and the official. Research by psyc at Columbia University York shows their scient leagues tend to be mo precise (only 1.39 of irritating little non-wo minute), while those who in the 'ah, humanities, diff 4.85. Aaaargh ...*

Off with his dish

John Simpson, the BB eign editor, will fly Iraq today with at le load off his mind. Sir Mayhew, the Attorney G has assured him that he will tried for treason. Mayhew was deluged with letters o to Simpson's reports from dad in the early days of t war, urging him to dust treason laws and prosecut week Mayhew officially in Simpson he was in the clea laws of treason are still in fo they do not seem to apply case," he wrote.

Simpson, who has been t get back into Iraq for wh greatly relieved. "I certain not fancy being locked up Tower of London." He pl frame the Attorney Ge letter and hang it abo mantlepiece. "I'm a great really, you know."

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HELPING THE KURDS

y can be unmoved by the tragedy of fugees now fleeing Iraq. Families g on a frozen mountainside epitomise ght of all minorities brutally treated the globe. With sympathy comes also gainst those who put them in that and against those who might be g it and yet refuse to do so.

sympathy and such rage can be e, falling wherever the media's on falls and vanishing as quickly. In today's Kurds are yesterday's So- s, Ethiopians, Afghans, the Palestin- Beirut, the Syrians of Hama. They are y before yesterday's Armenians, e, American Indians, peoples whose atic massacre no camera recorded o righteous indignation instantly ned. But partiality does not excuse

nternational relief effort now focused Kurdish refugees in the mountains he Tigris and Zab rivers is a response xtreme human emergency. It should every support from the United s, the European Community, and puring states, and take priority over er political action.

ing the refugees, however, merely the symptoms. It does not confront ease. The cause lies in Baghdad. How Americans could or should have more of Iraq to unseat President n Hussein in February is now erial. So too is the validity or wisdom ident Bush's plea to dissident Iraqis against Saddam, given his reluctance he explicit agent of an Arab ruler's ll. Yet another Kurdish revolt has ppressed. Had helicopters not been le to Baghdad, the suppression would me later with troops and tanks. Even ddam fallen, even had more of his been destroyed, a successor regime, occupation, would not have tolerated separatism.

Americans and their allies in the Gulf sought to be Byronic sponsors of rebellion. "Kurdistan" is not istan, Kuwait, Uganda or Panama, or the other places of conflict cited by vishing to send Western soldiers to the mountains of Iraq. The Kurds erent from the Kuwaitis. In the latter independent state was conquered integrity had been acknowledged y Iraq. The means were available to that integrity and a UN Security *il resolution decided to effect that* tion. This had nothing to do with racy or resistance to genocide, but vereignty.

r thinking, not a drawing of facile ls, is now needed. What should to the Kurds is what can be done by ernational community, preferably but cessarily through the UN, to give ack domestic security and to ensure measure of self-government. This es some form of sanction, economic tary, on the state of which they form aq. This in turns means intervention internal affairs of what, however ctive it may be, is still a sovereign nd an intervention well beyond the ary occupation of a defensive zone the Kuwaiti border.

itury of international law has erected d against such interference. The le of this shield is sound. Govern- is diverse in their political character of India, the Soviet Union, Israel, nd Britain (in Northern Ireland) can it in the face of criticism of their nt of minorities. Without this prin- o state other than a crystal-pure acy would ever bother with the UN. inly the principle *has sometimes* aside. The UN called for economic South Africa because of its domestic

Members states have cast the e to the wind in Cambodia, Uganda, Panama and Grenada in pursuit of what they identified as a higher morality: protecting defenceless people against slaughter or some other evil. The Genocide Convention, arising shortly after Hitler's treatment of the Jews, laid down limited jurisdiction to punish genocide after the event. But usually governments have responded to anarchy within some defined sphere of influence by simply marching in and stopping it, as recently in Liberia.

Yesterday, the security council was moving towards the view that the treatment of the Kurds merited some intervention. *Kurdish separatism might* be a domestic matter for Baghdad, but the manner of its past and present suppression is of wide humanitarian concern. But what next? America could threaten to reopen hostilities against Saddam's army, re-establishing combat sorties over the Kurdish mountains and attacking troops. Such a complex, open-ended commitment might temporarily bolster those Kurds still minded to rebel. But short of establishing a permanent American protectorate in Kurdistan, it could not assure the Kurds of lasting security. Their plight is political, in Iraq as in Turkey.

There are other sanctions. Economic *leverage is rarely effective in toppling* regimes, but those now operating on Iraq, not least since the terms of this week's ceasefire resolution became known, are fierce. Baghdad's protest that no genocide is threatened against the Kurds and that no harm will come to returning people carries no conviction in the light of past history. There should be no question of an end to economic sanctions apart from humanitarian exceptions, until the UN is satisfied, by strict verification, that the Kurds are safe. If the continuation of sanctions hastens the fall of Saddam, or merely his decline into Gadaffi-like isolation and impotence, so much the better.

Yet the justification for such intervention should be explicit, not just the assuaging of the world's accumulated guilt over a group long persecuted but only just noticed through the efforts of the media. The justification is that a new mood is abroad. The newly united states of the UN are no longer prepared to sit by and watch the massacre and expulsion of minorities. If "international law" requires reform, so be it.

But this is dangerous territory. Much of the renewed strength of the UN might be undermined if the principle of non-interference *is flagrantly breached. There is nothing* unique about the plight of the Kurds. The next decade could well see an upsurge in the persecution of minority groups by overbearing — or insecure — national governments: Hungarians in Romania, Armenians in Azerbaijan, Palestinians in the Middle East, Tibetans in the Himalayas, Tamils in Sri Lanka, minority tribes everywhere in Africa.

The 1990s are certain to the decade of ethnic distress. The unravelling of communism will lead to thousands of "economic" refugees crossing frontiers, making calls on the charity and possibly the armies of the rest of the world. The liberal dream of global ethnic concord is no more. Nationalism, the "-ism" that defies communism, liberalism and capitalism alike, remains rampant.

Nations can now order the affairs of others from afar. They can send their troops to Vietnam, Lebanon, Panama, Kuwait in defence of minority rights, democracy and national sovereignty. Sometimes such intervention pursues a narrower national interest: there is no end of scope for hypocrisy, moral ambiguity and plain foolishness. The nations of the West will be inclined to use their strength, like medieval crusaders, to *reorganise the world according to their own* high principles, and sometimes their lower ones. The world must help the Kurds. A moral imperative demands it. But let the world be sure its knows what it is about.

LION-HEARTED LONGLEAT

it roar from the lions of Longleat in as almost drowned by thunder from the *nes*, which feared a repetition of the of Albert and the Lion. This was fore the fashionable idea of adding swings and roundabouts and calling duct a theme-park. Stanley Hollo- ttle lad lived too soon. He would en safe at Longleat, which this I celebrates is first quarter century. he mid-1960s the late Jimmy field, one of the last great circus n, visited central Africa to view big le realised that if people were safe heir four-wheeled vehicles in lion in Africa, they could be just as safe rritory in Wiltshire. Not getting out vehicle and keeping the windows a good idea in both cases.

Marquess of Bath, stuck with one of houses of England and a great pile to match, promptly bought Mr ield's incongruous idea. So 25 years founded the first wildlife park frica, bringing the safari experience rill of danger) within the reach of nday afternoon-tripping family, uld admire the noble beasts without leave the safety and comfort of its on.

ons were a success, helped by the sure of *The Times* on the marquess , "dangerous folly", "fantastically e", "gratuitous and unnecessary e" — and the publicity this brought e attack, said Longleat's general Roger Crawley some years later, t us off on the right foot." Now has 400,000 visitors a year and the the house is secure.

Marquess gradually extended the range of wild animals to include elephants, giraffes, rhinos, tigers, wolves and gorillas. Nobody has been eaten alive, nor have wild animals broken free to roam and reproduce, terrorising the Wessex countryside. *The Times* was right only in remarking that "the fecklessness of a minority of the great British public knows no bounds." Longleat's team of wardens has assembled a hair-raising catalogue of the public's foolishness encountered over 25 years. The urge to picnic on the nearest grass seems to overtake the occupants of the average family car at the most awkward moments.

To mark the quarter-century, and show that he has not lost his touch for a stunt, the marquess held a party to celebrate yesterday. Not only were Longleat and its transplanted lions a triumph to be enjoyed, but the compliment of imitation has since been poured on them from Windsor Park, Woburn Abbey, Stirling, Knowsley, and elsewhere. Mr Chipperfield went off to repeat his idea all over the world. African safaris themselves have become so air conditioned and comfortable they now seem to be imitating Longleat.

The lions and other animals are content. They can cope with an English winter. The animals breed to prove it, their offspring being sold to stock other parks. One Longleat-bred rhinoceros has even been released back into the wild from which its forebears came. At some point evolution will presumably show its hand, and a native English species of lion, not to mention hippopotami, giraffes and zebras, will emerge from the Capability Brown landscape, knowing nowhere to call home but the grounds of an English country house. It was a folly, as we said, but it was a good one. The time has come to withdraw the objection.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A proper role for Britain's nurses

From the Chairman of the South West Thames Regional Health Authority

Sir, Your leading article, "Nursing and image" (April 4), is very perceptive, but the conclusion, "the student nurse should be able to aim for the job of brain surgeon", underestimates the role of nursing.

The brain surgeon is a technologist concerned with a part of the body whilst the nurse is concerned with the whole person. The doctor attempts to mend faulty parts, the nurse to restore our well-being. Each is equally important, the latter often more difficult.

In 1986 the Community Nurse Review, which I chaired, recommended extending the role of the nurse and in particular the nurse's right to prescribe from a restricted list of drugs and items. In the case of dying people nurses are acknowledged experts and it is a nonsense that they are not permitted to vary the dosage of pain-killing drugs in order to relieve suffering and promote the well-being of their patient, but must wait for a doctor's signature.

This government, which has already shown a commitment to nursing, should now demonstrate its trust in nurses by introducing legislation forthwith.

Yours faithfully,
CUMBERLEGE, Chairman,
South West Thames Regional Health Authority,
40 Eastbourne Terrace, W2.
April 5.

From the Director of the Queen's Nursing Institute

Sir, Florence Nightingale may or may not have mopped fevered brows by the light of a lamp at Scutari: that is part of nursing mythology. Mopping fevered brows is an innately human activity demonstrating care, concern and instilling *comfort. It is not confined to* professional nursing.

What is certain is that Florence Nightingale was, as a nurse, a brilliant statistician, manager and economist. She recognised the principal function of all nurses (and the other caring professions featured in the same leader page — social workers and doctors) as enabling every individual, family and community to assume responsibility for his own health.

Much of her campaigning for nursing was waged through the columns of this newspaper during the final quarter of the 19th century. The essence of the correspondence was to emphasise nursing's prime role as teaching. Nurses should "train as well as nurse (people) out of ill health into good health " (FN, letter, 1896). This economically sound principle remains good today and has as much to do with nursing's image as mopping fevered brows.

Yours faithfully,
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3 Albemarle Way, EC1.
April 4.

From Dr B. D. Keighley

Sir, After six years' undergraduate training, a further three years' postgraduate training, and 17 years of continuing medical education I have now achieved the status of "an experienced general practitioner".

Over the last two years I have had to accommodate vast changes in practice organisation by virtue of a contract which is insensitive to the needs of patients in small practices and needs urgent revision to those parts concerned with health promotion, minor surgery and excessive form-filling.

How glad I am to know now that your newspaper believes that my job should be capable of being carried out by a nurse with extended training.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN D. KEIGHLEY,
The Clinic, Buchanan Street,
Balfron, Central Region.
April 4.

From Dr R. F. Bury

Sir, Today's editorial was correct in stating that there has been a tendency for doctors to guard *against a partial assumption of their* role by nurses. This is considerably less true than it used to be, and most of us are only too glad to see a blurring of the boundaries where appropriate. Cooperation between the professions is becoming increasingly important as we fight to protect the health service we believe in.

As far as I know, no nurse has ever "graduated" to general practice, any more than the policeman on duty at number 10 graduates to prime minister. The two jobs are quite separate, not higher or lower in any hierarchy. I know of nurses who have decided that medicine looks attractive, have given up nursing and trained as doctors, which is quite a different thing. If I suddenly felt called to be a nurse, I would expect to have to train for the job, not simply graduate into it.

Yours sincerely,
BOB BURY,
3 Elmete Avenue,
Oakwood,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
April 4.

Intervention in Iraq

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, Mrs Margaret Thatcher (report, April 4) was so right in saying "this is no time for legal niceties" that I hesitate to add my pen to correspondence in your columns about the legal status of intervention against Iraq.

But this must be firmly stated as no legal nicety. When Iraq engaged in aggressive war and invaded Kuwait, the USA, the UK and other states were lawfully entitled in their own sovereign right at once to go to Kuwait's aid and repel the law-breakers. Indeed it was their duty so to do, just as it is the duty — too often neglected — of the ordinary citizen to intervene if he can prevent crime.

So now, with the flagrant breaches which Iraq has committed against the Kurds and the Shi'ites of the Genocide Convention, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Convention of 1949, it is the right and duty of states which abide by the rules of international law to intervene.

There is no legal nicety to worry them. They should act without fear of the law or of Iraq. Nor should they allow themselves to be discouraged by the pathetic pusillanimity of the Secretary General of the United Nations. Neither should they seek to make Turkey a scapegoat for their inaction. Ours are sovereign states and should act as such.

May I add, finally, how much I agree with Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien's article ("Blood on our hands", April 5). Surely the US and ourselves cannot pass by on the other side of the road.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.
April 5.

Local politics

From Mr Richard Newcombe

Sir, Your report today, "General election date hangs on Tory showing in council poll", says that a sophisticated computer analysis of votes in every ward in terms of parliamentary seats will be presented to the chairman of the Conservative party.

To ensure that the rubbish is collected more efficiently, do we really have to vote for the entire programme of any political party?

Previous generations were vigorously partisan in their national politics. But council elections were a different matter: strictly local affairs when individual councillors could be called to account, not jumbo-sized opinion polls.

Yours etc.,
RICHARD NEWCOMBE,
3 Earls Terrace, W8.
April 2.

New names in Dublin

From Alderman Gay Mitchell, TD for Dublin South Central (Fine Gael)

Sir, Far from being ambivalent about its "British roots" (leading article, "Naming names", March 23) Ireland celebrates the traditions of the various visitors from the earliest centuries onwards. Her "roots" predate the naming of Dublin's quays, which your leader discusses.

My proposal is to rename *some* of the 22 quays to honour many of the literary giants who emanated from the capital. Internationally, these writers and the river Liffey are both easily identified with Dublin, hence the connection. Tourists might find the idea attractive.

You quote from one part of a contribution to the debate made by one Dublin city councillor. The proposal was mine and I did not mention, as he did, "the imperial legacy".

A great number of streets in Dublin are named for "dead British worthies". I am not proposing to change all of these but Dublin City Council should have some latitude in relation to the city's main quays. Sackville Street became O'Connell Street, Rutland Square Parnell Square, Kingstown Dun Laoghaire, without major consequences for history.

Your editorial suggests that my proposal wants the "story" to start from the "terrible beauty" of Easter 1916. What dreadful nonsense. The history of these islands cannot be changed, nor should it be. All who contributed can be remembered.

"Somebody" built up British cities as well. Might I suggest that more British streets might be named for the many Irish who built them? Whatever about the Irish being "sensible about their British connection", is it not time that some British became sensible about their Irish connection?

Yours faithfully,
GAY MITCHELL,
The Dail, Dublin 2.

Ordination of women

From the Bishop of London

Sir, Those of us who cannot in conscience accept the ordination of *women as priests on theological* grounds have long maintained that it has profound and disturbing implications for our understanding of the Incarnation itself. This is the fundamental reason for our opposition. Our concern is confirmed by Lady Oppenheimer's letter of March 27 in which she maintains that neither a man nor a woman alone can represent our humanity.

If this were so it would make the Incarnation deficient since God, by his own deliberate choice, was incarnate only as a male. The ordination of women as priests does not remedy this. *Only a new* incarnation of God as a female would suffice, as Lady Oppenheimer seems to recognise by her reference to a "female Saviour".

In fact, both sexes were involved *in the Incarnation. To a woman,* Mary, was given the unique privilege of responding as representative of our humanity to the divine initiative. It was she who gave God in Christ his humanity.

Our redemption was effected by God at a time and in a place of his choice and in a way which reflects the distinctive but complementary natures of men and women as created by God in his image. It is not for us, who profess to be Christians, to think that we can reject either the fact that God created us male and female or the particularity of the events of our redemption. What we *have to do is to interpret both to an* increasingly secularised age.

Scripture, by which our understanding of Gospel must be judged, insists that it was "in the fullness of time" that God acted for our redemption. It does not permit us to suppose that our so-called enlightened views *make the Gospel* deficient now and thereby justify our attempting to change it.

Yours faithfully,
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April 4.

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Keeping rivers flowing and clean

From the President of the Institution of Water and Environmental Management

Sir, In considering the amount and quality of the water in our rivers (report and leading article, April 2) we must have regard to the total environment. That includes the provision of water for drinking, washing and irrigation, not just the well-being of fish and fishermen.

The cause of algal growth in rivers and reservoirs is the subject of considerable research, which has been reported in recent scientific papers to this institution. Whilst low summer flows and rainfall may be a contributing factor, it is generally accepted that the principal factors are excess fertilisers from fields and other discharges.

This is particularly noticeable on the rivers Test and Itchen, where the quality of water is constantly monitored at the water-supply intake points. Both these rivers are sustained by a balanced groundwater flow, which is augmented, and on occasions polluted, by surface water run-off following heavy rainfall.

I suspect most gardeners would accept a metered supply for watering their gardens and be prepared to pay for this pleasure. However, any suggestion that the natural resource of water should be denied to people who cannot afford to pay for it seems to me an inverted priority in favour of fish over people.

The imposition of general metering would be extremely expensive in both capital and maintenance costs. It would generally lead to only a temporary reduction in demand, and evidence from the current trials is not encouraging in this respect.

With the indications of the onset of the greenhouse effect, and the possibility of drier summers and wetter winters, there is a clear need to provide for reserves of surface water storage. This enables water to be drawn from storage at times of low flows in the rivers, at the same time benefiting the consumer and the river user.

The total cost of providing the necessary storage is much less than the cost of metering, and the reservoirs provide an increased benefit in terms of conservation, fishing and the environment.

Yours faithfully,
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April 2.

From Mr Peter Robinson

Sir, My daily observations of the river Avon, a few yards from my house, show that the present water levels are good. But the excess water is going straight to the sea and is being lost to the river system. This situation could be alleviated by the storing of this wasted water by means of recharging the chalk substrata.

If areas of the largely unused old water meadows were bunded (embanked) and had a grid of comparatively shallow boreholes the winter excess water could be allowed back into the chalk sub-strata to emerge later in the summer as springs to feed the river. The water into the bunds could be controlled either by pumping or by operating sluices. The land required could be incorporated into the "set aside" agricultural scheme.

The rivers would then flow more steadily throughout the year, flooding would be alleviated, and water abstraction could be better controlled.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROBINSON (Engineer to the Burnham Water Co., 1958-66),
Danica Rise, Everleigh Road,
Haxton, Wiltshire.
April 2.

From Dr M. T. Wade

Sir, Unfortunately the chalk streams are not alone in their difficulties. The Usk has experienced the same problems of low water, huge increase in filamentous algae, almost total loss of crowfoot, and disastrous reduction of underwater invertebrates important to fishermen, especially dry-fly trout fishermen. The consequent absence of fly and rising fish is heart-sinking.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WADE,
Gardd-y-Graig,
Commercial Street,
Risca, Gwent.
April 2.

From Mr Peter Lapsley

Sir, Your report and leading article are timely, but they fail to emphasise that the cause of the angler's concern is symptomatic of a malaise that affects us all.

South-east England's average annual rainfall is no longer sufficient to meet the demands made upon it. The past three years of drought have only highlighted the extent to which groundwater reserves have been depleted by abstraction. Exceptionally heavy rainfall in the months and years to come may camouflage the problem but it will not solve it.

It is not enough for the water companies and the National Rivers Authority to talk of revoking some abstraction licences, of rationing by price or of permanent hosepipe bans, saying that the alternatives — limiting abstraction severely and pumping fresh water from the lower reaches of rivers or from areas with surpluses of naturally stored surface water (a national water grid) — are too expensive.

These latter, long-term, solutions will be no less expensive when they are eventually and inevitably forced upon us, and future generations will thank us not at all for the damage done to our streams and rivers in the intervening years.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LAPSLEY,
37 Weymouth Avenue, Ealing, W5.
April 2.

Budget victims

From Mr R. A. Brown

Sir, I echo the sentiments expressed so well in Mr J. Keen's letter (April 4) regarding the increased excise duty for motor cycles.

It is perhaps possible to build a personal profile of the Chancellor of the Exchequer from his Budget. He does not appear to like cellular or portable telephones, he does not appear to like motor cycles, nor does he appear to like shopkeepers or small businesses. I am sure these groups include voters who, like myself, are starting to understand the Ribble Valley by-election result.

I am pleased not to be a motorcycle messenger earning less than the lower limit for VAT registration who depends on his mobile phone, eats, and enjoys an occasional drink!

Yours faithfully,
R. A. BROWN,
22 Lordswood, Silchester,
Reading, Berkshire.
April 4.

Function of coroners

From Dr J. Shackleton Bailey

Sir, Coroners represent the first (and usually final) authority for disposal of dead bodies. Yet the great majority of them have no medical training or experience whatever and they tend to offer juries an unsworn and unexamined pathologist's report to adopt as the main substance of their verdict. In spite of the enormous advances in forensic medicine they are nowadays no better equipped to examine and assess pathological evidence than were their grandfathers.

Perhaps at last, with a royal commission about to review the processes of the law in England, an opportunity arises for examination of the ancient office of coroner. The Scottish Procurator Fiscal might be *substituted, or examining* magistrates might serve.

As long ago as 1873 the Railway Act obliged coroners to sit with expert assessors at any inquest relating to the operation of a public railway. Surely the vastly more complicated human body merits similar expert appraisal of medical evidence.

Yours etc.,
J. SHACKLETON BAILEY
(HM Coroner, Norfolk, 1951-71),
The Old Mill, Blockley,
Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Counting quality

From Mr Eugene B. Jeffries

Sir, I wonder if that unqualified success, Mr John Major (report, March 30) has an unqualified chauffeur, doctor, dentist, optician and detectives? Is he, indeed, about to remove all qualified teachers from schools and replace them with people of common sense who perhaps will be expected to put to rights the unqualified mess successive Tory ministers have created?

Yours faithfully,
E. B. JEFFRIES,
St Margarets, Roebuck,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire.
April 2.

From Mr Frank D. Thomas

Sir, Surely having a reasonably adequate education together with academic qualifications and the possession of "common sense" are not necessarily mutually exclusive.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK D. THOMAS,
26 Wildcroft Manor,
Putney Heath, SW15.
April 3.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 5: The Duchess of York this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Italy.

Miss Lucy Manners, Captain Neil Blair, R N and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 5: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended a dinner hosted by the Chairman of Berkshire County Council at the Guildhall, Windsor.

His Royal Highness was received by Captain the Hon. Nicholas Beaumont (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire). Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 5: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Surrey and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Richard Thornton).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Diamedes Housing Project of Spethorne borough Council, at 1 Rose Gardens, Stanwell.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened the Young Archaeologists Club, 4-10 London Road, Bagshot, and as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, visited the County of Surrey St John Ambulance Headquarters and the Guildford Ambulance and Nursing Division, Stocton Road, Guildford. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Lord Frederick Windsor is twelve today.

Birthdays

TODAY: Miss Franta Belsky, sculptor, 70; Miss Joan Bernard, former principal, Tevelyan College, Durham, 73; Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, trades unionist, 46; Miss Joan Carlyle, soprano, 60; Mr Bernard Carter, painter and etcher, 71; Mr Harry Conroy, trades unionist, 48; Mr Paul Daniels, magician, 53; Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, 81; Mr Julian Faber, former chairman, Willis Faber, 74; the Marquess of Graham, 56; Mr Willis Hall, writer, 62; Dr David Ingram, vice-chancellor, University of Kent at Canterbury, 64; Mr Justice Knox, 66; Lord Moore of Wolvercote, 70; Lord Newton, 76; the Rev Ian Paisley, MP, 65; Miss Felicity Palmer, mezzo-soprano, 47; Mr André Previn, conductor, 62; Lord Winterbottom, 78; the Most Rev Dr Frank Woods, former Primate of Australia, 84.

TOMORROW: Mr Dennis Amiss, cricketer, 48; Lord Ashburton, 93; Viscount Brentford, 58; Miss Fredda Brilliant, sculptor, 83; Mr Francis Ford Coppola, film director, 52; Mr Luca Cumani, racehorse trainer, 42; Professor G.J. Davies, vice-chancellor, Liverpool University, 54; Professor D.R. Denman, land economist, 80; Mr Peter Fluck, satirist and puppeteer, 50; Mr David Frost, broadcaster, 52; Mr F.L. Garner, former chairman, Pearl Assurance, 71; Mr James Garner, actor, 63; Lord Glendevon, 79; Mrs Janet Graham, former vice-chairman, National Consumer Council, 61; Mr Terence Harrison, chairman, Northern Engineering Industries, 58; Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Hezlet, 77; Mr Gorden Kaye, actor, 50; Mr Justice Lincoln, 71; Mr Cliff Morgan, former Head of Outside Broadcasting, BBC Television, 61; Mr Arthur K. Potter, civil servant, 86; Mrs Jane Priestman, director, architecture and design, British Rail, 61; Mr Ian Richardson, actor, 57; Mr Andrew Sachs, actor, 61; Pandit Ravi Shankar, sitar player, 71; Miss Alison Shrubsole, former principal, Homerton College, 66.

Anniversaries

Today, births: Jean Baptiste Rousseau, poet, Paris, 1671; Maximilian de Robespierre, French revolution leader, Arras, 1758; Alexander Herzen, writer, socialist, Moscow, 1812.

Deaths: Raphael, Rome, 1520; Albrecht Dürer, painter and engraver, Nuremburg, 1528; Sir Francis Walsingham, statesman, London, 1590.

Tomorrow, births: Saint Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary, Navarre, Spain, 1506; Charles Burney, musicologist, Shrewsbury, 1726; William Wordsworth, Poet Laureate 1843-50, Cockermouth, Cumbria, 1770; Sir Francis Chantrey, sculptor, Northon, Derbys, 1781.

Deaths, Richard I, reigned 1189-99, Chalus, France, 1199; Saint Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Rouen, 1719; Richard Turpin, highwayman, executed York, 1739; Phineas Barnum, showman, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1891.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.M.C. Axon and Miss J.H. Scannell
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Dr and Mrs Roy Axon, of Colchester, Essex, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Scannell, of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.A.L. Bos and Miss F.C. Sayer
The engagement is announced between Mark Anthony, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Bos, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Frances Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Sayer, of East Charleton, Devon.

Mr S.H. Cox-Freeman and Miss S.J. Spratt
The engagement is announced between Spencer Hamilton, younger son of Mr and Mrs Laurie Cox-Freeman, of St Margaret's Bay, and Stephanie Jane, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Brian Spratt, of Canterbury.

Mr A.R. Davidson and Miss J. Derbyshire
The engagement is announced between Alastair, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Davidson, of Warlingham, Surrey, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Derbyshire, of Crosthwaite, Cumbria.

Mr R.N. Dunlop and Miss V.C. Hooper
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr John Dunlop and Dr Valerie Preston-Dunlop, of Ightham, Kent, and Venetia, youngest daughter of the late Mr Michael Hooper and of Mrs Susan Hooper, of Devizes, Wiltshire.

Mr B.P. Florin and Miss R.M. Medlicott
The engagement is announced between Bertrand, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hubert Florin, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Medlicott, of Brunei Darussalam, and London SW6.

Mr K.J. Hawkins and Miss A.F. Hedley
The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mrs Kathleen Hawkins and the late Mr Jack Hawkins, of East Wellow, Hampshire, and Anthea, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Hedley, of Tardebigge, Worcestershire.

Mr C.M. Johnstone and Miss R.A. Drake-Lee
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of the late Mr D.W. Johnstone and of Mrs B.A. Johnstone, of Aldwick, Sussex, and Rosemary, youngest daughter of the late Mr M.B. Drake-Lee and of Mrs M.B. Drake-Lee, of Mayfield, Sussex.

Mr E.G. Naylor and Dr J.M. Higham
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr Allan and Mrs Anne Naylor, of Runnymede, Cawthorne, Yorkshire, and Jennifer, second daughter of Mr Stanley and Mrs Margaret Higham, of Old Catton, Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr A.J. Nelson and Miss F. Byron
The engagement is announced between Alexander John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Nelson, of Biggin Hill, Kent, and Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Byron, of High Barnes, Sunderland.

Mr M.T. Olszowski and Miss A.R. Muirhead
The engagement is announced between Mark Tadeusz, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stefan Olszowski, of Hambledon, Hampshire, and Alison Ruth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Muirhead, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr A.D. Shields and Miss J.P. Miller
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Colonel and Mrs D.N. Shields, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Judith, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Miller, of Bexley, Kent.

Mr D.A. Todd and Miss C.S. MacLeod
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs N. Todd, of Farnham, Surrey, and Kirsty, daughter of Sir Roderick MacLeod, of 14 Dawson Place, London, and Mrs J. MacLeod, of 15 Saxe Coburg Place, Edinburgh.

Captain T.H. Woodhead and Miss C.D. Ockleston
The engagement is announced between Timothy Hugh Woodhead, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), youngest son of Colonel Michael Woodhead, OBE, and the late Mrs Woodhead, of Eydon, Northamptonshire, and Carolyn Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Ockleston, of Chorlton Hall, Malpas, Cheshire.

Marriages

The Rev R.J. Ray and Miss S. Acland-Hood
The marriage took place on Monday, April 1, 1991, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Glastonbury, of Robin, son of the late Mr and Mrs J.C. Ray, of Penshurst, Kent, and Sylvia, daughter of the late Hon John Acland-Hood and of the Hon Mrs John Acland-Hood, of Wootton House, near Glastonbury, Somerset.

Mr R.L. Crole and Miss P.M. Stavert
The marriage took place on April 2, 1991, at St Cuthbert's Church, Hawick, between Mr Robin Crole and Miss Patricia Mary Stavert, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Ralph Stavert, of Hoscote, Hawick.

Dr M.S.F. Halligan and Miss A.J. Rutherford
The marriage took place in Haddington, on April 5, 1991, between Dr Stephen Halligan, son of the late Mr and Mrs W.F. Halligan, and Miss Alison Rutherford, daughter of Professor and Mrs Andrew Rutherford.

The bride was attended by Miss Janie Herzberg. Mr Jonathan Wickens was best man.

A reception was held at Saltoun Hall, Pencaitland.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR A. W. LAWRENCE

Arnold Walter Lawrence, archaeologist, died on March 31 aged 90. He was born on May 2, 1900.



THE brother of T. E. Lawrence and his literary executor, A. W. Lawrence was professor of archaeology at Cambridge from 1944 to 1951 and at the University College of the Gold Coast from 1951 to 1957, the year in which the colony received its independence as Ghana. The youngest of the five sons of Thomas Robert Lawrence, he was brought up in that family that has been described a "a nest of young eagles" and he was himself perhaps the closest in temperament to his famous brother Ned ("Lawrence of Arabia").

Educated at the City of Oxford School and at New College, he took the diploma in classical archaeology in 1920 and then went to the British schools at Rome and Athens, where he spent six years intermittently working on a study of later Greek sculpture. He was also a member of the Ur excavations under Leonard Woolley in 1923. In 1927 he published *Later Greek Sculpture and its Influence* and followed it two years later with *Classical Sculpture*.

In 1930 he was appointed to the newly established readership in classical archaeology at Cambridge. He produced a revision of Rawlinson's translation of Herodotus with additional notes in 1935. He was also occupied with the death of his brother and he collected and published *T. E. Lawrence by his Friends*.

During the war years he occupied a series of minor *appointments in military* intelligence and administration, returning afterwards to Cambridge where he had been elected in 1944 to the chair of classical archaeology and to a professorial fellowship at Jesus College. Both appointments gave him great pleasure and he served for some time on the college's governing body.

It was therefore a surprise when in 1951 he resigned in order to become the first professor of archaeology at the University College of the Gold Coast. Besides organizing research in an area which, archaeologically speaking, was virtually unknown territory, his duties included the *establishing of a national museum*. He was also secretary of the local monuments and relics commission, and advised upon the care and restoration of the various Portuguese, Dutch, Danish and British forts along the coast.

By 1957 the museum (now the National Museum of *Ghana) was built, housing a* fine collection, and the research department of archaeology was a virile concern. Lawrence decided to retire at what was still an early age in order to have freedom for writing. He built himself a small house in Highgate, of interesting contemporary design, in which to write up his work *on the Gold Coast forts* which appeared as *Trade Castles and Forts of West Africa* in 1963. His *History of Greek Architecture* had been published in 1957.

As a classical archaeologist Lawrence was an original. Although there is no particular theory or discovery to be attached to his name, the freshness of his approach gave importance to his views even when they failed to gain acceptance. Often he was ahead of his time. He was among the first to bring order into the study of later Greek sculpture, which was still too often regarded as decadent and negligible. In *Classical Sculpture* he developed this approach to show a continuity of classical Greek feeling right through into the official sculpture of imperial Rome. The speed of production and the compression of a large subject make his first two books a *remarkable achievement for a* man not yet 30 and he owed this to his ability to see the larger issues.

Lawrence carried his learning lightly and was not afraid to make mistakes. The *History of Greek Architecture*, like much of his work, is vulnerable in detail but its merit lies in the relating of classical *architecture to prehistoric origins*. Its last chapter, in which an attempt is made to bring West African art into relevant comparison with the Hellenic, may be a work more of the heart than of the head; but it is characteristic of its author's sympathies and shows how he felt the need to go beyond the traditional orbit and to find *new significance in classical* forms by studying those of less sophisticated artists. For it was always as art that he studied such productions, not as the material of anthropology nor of history. His move to West Africa was not caused merely by revulsion against academic convention (though this no doubt came into it), but by his increasing interest in the relation between primitive and sophisticated arts and also by a sense of mission: so, in the museum which he created, casts of Greek statues were put in a room with African masks and figures, in order to bring about not contrast but comparison.

Lawrence never willingly subscribed to orthodoxies, and behind the professor there always lurked the schoolboy with a catapult. This often led to outrageous statements, *made with all the solemnity of* supporting evidence. Nevertheless, though it was sometimes difficult to know how much he meant seriously, there was usually a grain of truth or a seminal idea in even the most provocative thesis. The elaborate comparison between the Acropolis and Persepolis, which he published in 1951, among the papers in honour of J. D. Beazley, and described privately as "one in the eye for the *Hellenists*", *does at any* rate illuminate the useful truth, which archaeology has not always appreciated, that Greece and Persia owed more to each other than Herodotus would have us believe.

He undertook with a mixture of resignation and pride the task of custodian of his brother's memory. In 1962 he published a scholarly volume of letters written to T. E. Lawrence, mainly by people of note in politics and the arts. In *the 1960s he dissociated him*self from the film *Lawrence Of Arabia* and from press disclosures of T. E. Lawrence's masochistic practices, not from a desire to conceal the truth but from a concern to see such subjects discussed seriously, not sensationally. At the same time, he discouraged all attempts by admirers to *make his brother an object of* uncritical veneration.

His own scholarly career continued if intermittently. He published *Greek and Roman Sculpture* in 1972 and *Greek Aims in Fortification* in 1979. Following the death of his wife, Barbara, in 1986 he went into a visible decline, but he was rescued from his desolation by a friend of many years, Peggy Guido, who gave him companionship and scholarly support during a remarkable Indian summer, in which he worked enthusiastically on a re-annotation of his *pre-war Herodotus* — a project he had not quite completed when he died.

PAULO MUWANGA

Paulo Muwanga, former vice-president of Uganda, died in Kampala on April 1 aged 67. He was born in 1924.

PAULO Muwanga played a role in virtually every government Uganda has had since gaining independence from Britain in 1962 and had, in a period of self-imposed exile from his country under the Amin regime, run a fish and chip shop in south London. In 1980 he was briefly head of state of Uganda in the chaotic period which followed the overthrow of Idi Amin the year before. In the early part of his career he was associated with progressive spirits who agitated for independence from Britain the 1960s. But as minister of defence and vice-president of Uganda in Dr Milton Obote's second administration from 1980 to 1985 he was accused before Uganda's human rights commission with abuse of power and gross violations of human rights, including mass murder and torture.

Muwanga joined Uganda's first political party, the Uganda People's Congress (UPC), in the 1950s. When Dr Obote, UPC's founder, became independent Uganda's first prime minister in 1962 Muwanga held various post in *his government*, notably in the foreign ministry. After Idi Amin's overthrow of Dr Obote in 1971 Muwanga served under the new leader as head of protocol, but in a climate which was rapidly becoming more dangerous for any who had been associated with Obote he was not *sorry* to become ambassador in Paris in 1971. From there he fled to exile in Tanzania in 1973 and made his way to London in 1975.

For the next two years he ran a fish and chip shop in Caterham before returning to Africa in 1977 to join the group of exiles who were gathering around Dr Obote in Dar es Salaam. As UPC representative he attended the Moshi conference held in Tanzania in 1979 to try to form a common political front among exile groups.

The first post-Amin administration in Uganda, that of Usufu Lule, soon collapsed, as did its successor, led by Godfrey Binaisa. He had found himself at loggerheads with Muwanga, who was working closely with Dr Obote, and in May 1980 he was removed by a military coup by Muwanga who had the support of the army chief of staff, David Oyite-Ojok.

For several months Muwanga became effectively head of state, as chairman of the military commission of the Ugandan National Liberal Front which ruled the country for several months during the run-up to elections later that year. Muwanga was subsequently accused of trying to establish regulations which would ensure a UPC win (he was afraid that the Democratic party had shaded UPC in the poll). UPC duly came in first and Muwanga handed over power to Dr Obote who became president. Muwanga served as Obote's vice-president from 1980 to 1985 but is generally regarded as the principal author of the reign of terror which characterised the next five years. After the overthrow of the Obote regime numerous witnesses to Uganda's human rights commission attested to killings and tortures, including the mutilation of women, which were authorised by Muwanga. In five years 300,000 civilians were killed and an equal number fled the country, but Muwanga persistently denied any involvement to the hearings of the human rights commission. He had never committed any of his instructions to paper, instead encouraging reprisals against opponents in a series of gnomic traditional proverbs.

In the period following Obote's second overthrow in 1985 Muwanga was briefly prime minister in a provisional another chaotic period of interim government before the guerrilla leader Yoweri Museveni came out of the bush to take control of Uganda and become president in 1986. Muwanga was arrested and charged with treason. He was released after being found not guilty but was rearrested in 1988, this time to be charged with murder. He had been held in prison until last October when he was acquitted and rehabilitated. Since then his health had not been good; a diabetic, he had also suffered from kidney problems and he died in hospital in Kampala.



KAY BANNERMAN

Kay Bannerman, actress and dramatic author, died on March 31 at her home in Marbella, Spain, aged 71. She was born on October 11, 1919.

IN THE 1940s Kay Bannerman was one of the most attractive and talented young actresses on the London stage. After her marriage to the dramatist Harold Brooke she retired from acting to pursue a partnership as a playwright with her husband. Of the 19 comedies they wrote together several became West End successes and four were filmed.

Born in Hove, Kay Bannerman was educated at Heatherley, Invernesshire, and at Tours in France. She studied for the stage at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and made her London debut at 19 at the Gate Theatre in April 1939, when she succeeded Joyce Redman as Emmanuele in Norman Marshall's production of François Mauriac's play, *Asmodée*.

Intelligent and stylish, she made an immediate success, graduating swiftly to leading roles in *Prison Without Bars* at the Q Theatre and *Rhondda Roundabout* at the Globe in which she appeared with Mervyn Johns under the direction of Glen Byam Shaw. At the Westminster Theatre in October 1939 she appeared with Michael Denison in the premiere of J. B. Priestley's *Music at Night*, the first straight play to open in London following the outbreak of war. She stayed on at the Westminster to play Sarah in a revival of George Bernard Shaw's *Major Barbara*.

Further leading roles followed: with Raymond Lovell in *Temporary Residence* at the Q in 1940, with Phyllis Dare in *Other People's Houses* at the Phoenix in 1942 and with Ada Reeve in *One Flight Up*, again at the Q. In February 1943 she joined the Old Vic company at the New Theatre and electrified London critics with an exquisite performance as Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*. In the following year, she appeared with Flora Robson in Tyrone Guthrie's production, *Guilty*, translated from Emile Zola's *Thérèse Raquin*.

Her West End career continued with Ian Hay's play *We Are Seven* in 1945, followed by appearances opposite Hugh Burden in *Myself A Stranger* and Dostoyevsky's *The Gambler*. At the Arts in 1946 she co-starred with James Hayter and Avice Landon in *The Dove and the Carpenter* and later that year appeared with Mary Hinton in the comedy *High Horse* at the New Lindsey Theatre. Her last acting role was in the 1948 film *Who Killed Van Loon?*, produced by Sir James Carreras.

Meanwhile she had met the dramatist Harold Brooke, brother of the film actress Ann Todd. He and Miss Bannerman wrote their first play together, *Fit for Heroes*, in 1945. It was presented at the Whitehall Theatre with Dame Irene Vanbrugh, Ursula Howells and Lois Maxwell in the cast and was revived in 1949 with Phyllis Nielson-Terry in the lead.

After their marriage in 1946, Brooke and Bannerman embarked on a partnership, writing skilfully-crafted light comedies. Their first success was *All For Mary* at the Duke of York's Theatre in 1954, which starred first Betty Paul and then Jean Kent in the title-role. It was filmed by Rank in 1955, with Jill Day, Nigel Patrick, David Tomlinson and Kathleen Harrison as the stars.

How Say You?, staged at the Aldwych Theatre in 1959, was filmed in 1961 as *A Pair of Briefs*, with Michael Craig and James Robertson Justice. In the same year Rank filmed a third Brooke-Bannerman play, *A Handful of Tansy*, as *No, My Darling Daughter*, with Sir Michael Redgrave and Juliet Mills as the stars. A fourth film based on a Brooke-Bannerman story was *Iron Maiden* in 1962, in which Duke of Bedford made an expected screen debut.

Dame Cicely and Jack Hulbert starred in the couple's 1963 comedy *Let's Be Frank*, at the Vaudeville Theatre and in 1967 Brooke and Bannerman had their biggest success with *Let Sleeping Wives Lie*, starring Brian Rix. This ran for 6 performances at the Garrick and was presented in Paris under the title *Le Coeur Sous le Paillasse*. One of their last plays, *The Earl and the Pussycat*, was presented at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in 19 with Patrick Cargill in the lead. was subsequently produced Derek Nimmo on a tour of the F East, with Gerald Harper as the st and is to be staged in South Africa 1992.

A perceptive and vivacious woman, Kay Bannerman is survived by her husband, Harold Brooke, and by their two daughte

Church services for tomorrow

First Sunday after Easter

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Palestrina), O mirabile mysterium (Victoria). Rev Dr C A Lewis; 3.15 E. Responses (Aylward), O, O, O (from the central orb (Wood); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Precentor.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S (Dr Bairstow). Communion (Byrd). Missa Asperna Christi munera (Palestrina). Canon R Hockey; 11.30 M. Responses (Gibbons), Short Service (Gibbons) & E. Stanton in G. O clap your hands (Vaughan Williams). Very Rev J Southgate.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M. Responses (Rose), Stanford in B flat. Rev J Hallbourton; 11 HC. Darke in F, Most glorious Lord of life (Stanford); 3.15 E. Magnificat (Dyson in D F). Misc: chorales (Bach), O for the bright seraphim (Handel). Very Rev E Evans.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Responses (Chocat), Jubilate (Walond), Te Deum (Hunter), Christus resurgens ex mortuis (Philips). Canon C Semper; 11.15 Abbey Euch. Messe Solennelle (Vierne), O salutaris, ary soul (Whitlock), Dum transisset Sabbatum (Taverner). Canon C Semper; 3 E. Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantuariensis (Ghirelli), Let the full final sacrifice (Finzi), Rev A Lyne; 6.45 Recital, Capella Fidelissa; 6.30 Ev. Rev A Lunt.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch. Missa Collegium (Haydn). Now the green blade riseth (French carol). The Provost; 3 E. Brewer in D. Light out of darkness (Elgar). The Provost.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 6.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 Sm. Vidi aquam (Plainsong), Missa Cum jubilo (Burgon), Haec dies (Gesualdo), Quem lesus (Monteverdi), Resurrexit (Pott); 2.30 Organ Recital, James O'Donnell; 3.30 V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Sarisbury), Angelus ad pastores Domini (Anerio). Via Crucis (Pott).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 (M); 11.30 HM, Fr M Jones; 3 Adult Confirmation. Most Rev M G Bowen. Fr A Barratt.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: *Orthodox Easter Sunday* (Saturday, 11.30pm. The Resurrection Service: Midnight. Easter Liturgy: 10 M: 11 Liturgy: 5.30 V.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: *Orthodox Easter Sunday*, Saturday 11.45pm Resurrection Service: Midnight M: 1am Liturgy. Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: *Orthodox Easter Sunday*, Saturday Midnight Resurrection Service & M: 10.30 Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch. Mass in Three Parts (Byrd). Rev J C Priestly.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M. Harris in B flat. Let God arise (Locke). Rev R Robson; 12.30 HC.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Communion Service, Carol & Readings; 12 HC. The Life Guards.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC. Canon E James.

THE CHAPEL OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M. Responses (Aylward). Jubilate (Leighton). If ye be Risen again with Christ (Gibbons). Rev R D Bond.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. Jesu nostra redemptio (Byrd). Responses (Rutter). Thomas in C, Christ rising again (Woodward). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church), WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 RAF Commemoration Thanksgiving Service. Stroll in C minor. Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Thine be the glory (Crimond) sleek Ven B N Hardy.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch. Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 9.15 HC; 11 HM, Verger in E minor (Schmutz Paschal) (Byrd), Rev J McGeary; 6 E & B. Stainer in B flat. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford). The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Dr J Stott; 6.30 Canon G Bridger.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 Parish Communion. Preb C E L Thomson; 6 E. Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch. Rev S Acland.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family Service & Communion. Mr M Coates; 6.30 Choral Service. Rev N G P Gumbel.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 HC. Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8, 9S, 11 HC. Rev F L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 SM, Spatzenmesse (Mozart). Preb J Gaskell; 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch. Benedictus (Byrd). Darke in F. Vinea mea electa (Poulenc). Canon J. Vincent; 5.30 E. Short Service (Gibbons). If ye be risen with Christ (Gibbons). Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch. Gibbons in F. Fr Bill.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion: 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch. Short Service (Batten), Sing Joyfully (Batten). Rev G Warren.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch. The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8, 9.30 HC; 11 Family Service. Preb M Bunker.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Canon J. Wilkinson; 6 E. Ministry of Healing. The Vicar.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Family Service (William). Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Rev J Stevens (Humfrey). Beati quorum via (Stanford).

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 LM; 11 SM, Fr D B Perkins.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassall Rd, SW9: 8 LM; 10 HM; 4 E & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.50 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in A. Clark (Weekes), Rev N Vigers; 6.30 E. This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Rev D Wilson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 9 Mass; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Merbecke, Rev J Humble.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Ireland in C. Christ Rising again (Tye). The Dean.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30, 7.30; HC; 9.45 Euch. St Martin's Service (Hutchings), Walking in a garden (arr Stringer), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd). Rev M Henwood; 11.30 Visitors to London Service. Rev J Pridmore; 2.45 Chinese Service (HC). Rev G Lee; 5 E. Responses (Aylward), Morrill in F, O quam gloriosum (Viltoria); 6.30 ES. Rev J Pridmore.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis in D (Haydn). Dr D de Pury; 6.15 E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Mass (Merbecke). Rev I Brown; 6.30 Ministry of Healing. Rev J Custer.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion. Rev O Clarke.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP. Rev N Taylor; 7 ES & HC. Rev N Taylor.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Euch, Rise up my love (William), Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Rev J Stevens (Humfrey). Beati quorum via (Stanford).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9, HC; 11 S Euch, Communion Service in F (Howe). Christ rising again (Weelkes), Haec Dies (Byrd). Rev H Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Fr D Tilyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch. Short Service (Batten), Sing Joyfully (Batten). Rev G Warren.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, The Rector.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Hochzeitmesse (Mass (Haller), Ave Maria (Mozart). Et incarnatus est (Mozart); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev J H McIndoe.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev I Watt; 1 E. Rev I Watt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa Brevis (Gabrieli). This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Ave Maria (Verdonck).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 SM, Missa Secunda (Haessler). Candidi facti sunt (Tallis).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Little Organ solo Mass (Haydn). Jubilate DEO (Lassus). Ave verum corpus (Mozart).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass. Mass pro Populo (Victoria), Sarrexit Pastor (Schedl). 12.30, 4.30, 7; 5.30 V & B. Haec Dies (Byrd).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place, 11 SM, Missa L'homme Desarme (Mass), Ave Maria (Stravinsky). Exstanden ist der heil'pe Christ (Bach).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Mass in D (Mozart). Solo entro quod Redemptor meus vivit (Lassus).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron P Allison.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11, 6.30 Rev L Grimbs.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Christadelic Nothing Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11. Hymn Levels: 2.30, Baptism. Jean Darnell: 6.30 Healing Service, Jean Darnell: 9 Late on Sunday.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11, Rev J Parry: 6.30 Rev G Morgan.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, Major Colin Hunt: 3 (Music), 6.30.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev W D Swanson; 7 Choral Mass, Missa Sancti Dominici (Fischer). Tris Sonata in D. Dad for victims (Telemann). Rev R P England.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev W C McCorte.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Morning Service & HC. Rev Dr G E Barrie, Rev P Hobson.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, Rev D Banner; 6.30, Ms Jane Tarrant.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev S Brady.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 62 St Martins La WC2 11, Meeting for worship.

Service dinners

Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Reilly, Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, presided at the annual dinner of the Regimental Dinner Club of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (Sixth Foot) held last night at the Shire Hall, Warwick.

Honourable Artillery Company
Major J.M. Ferguson, Squadron Commander, presided at the annual dinner of III Squadron Honourable Artillery Company held at Armoury House last night. The principal guest was Brigadier J.M. Patrick, MBE, Second Lieutenant B. Blackett-Ord proposed the health of the guests.

Dinner

Launderers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a ladies' dinner of the Launderers' Company held last night at Launderers' Hall. Mr Frederick Scott, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Oswald Longshaw, Deputy Master, Mr J. Anthony Dunn, Senior Warden, and Mr Melvyn Rogers, Renter Warden. The Lord Mayor, the Master of the Bakers' Company and Mr John Baker also spoke.

Luncheon

200 Club
The 200 Club, on behalf of the London Irish Rugby Football Club, held a luncheon at the Banqueting and Conference Centre, Shoe Lane, yesterday to present the London Irish challenge trophy for rugby writers, "The Leprechaun", to Mr Peter Jackson. Air Commodore J.J. Forsythe, president of the rugby club, presided and Mr Ten O'Connor, President of the Rugby Union Writers' Club also spoke.

Sir Reginald Goodall

To commemorate the anniversary of his death, there will be a memorial service celebrating the life of Sir Reginald Goodall at St Alban's, Holborn, on Friday, May 3, 1991, at noon. Applications for tickets should be made in writing to: Mar Eynon, General Director's Office, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 9DD. Please enclose a stampe addressed envelope.

Funeral

Count Benckendorff
The funeral service for Count Benckendorff, according to the Russian Orthodox rite, took place on Wednesday, April 3, in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clare, Suffolk. The Rev Michael Fortounatto officiated. Burial followed in Clare cemetery. Family mourners included Countess Benckendorff (widow), Count Constantine Benckendorff (son) Count and Countess Alexander Benckendorff (son and daughter-in-law), Sophia Benckendorff (granddaughter), Mrs Humphrey Brooke (sister), Miss Victoria Verner and Mr Cosmo Verner (stepchildren), Mr and Mrs James Dugdale (niece and nephew-in-law), Alexander and

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...rescue my people from ...lands where they have ...taken and will bring ...back from east and ...to live in Jerusalem. ...aiah 8:7 GNB

BIRTHS

...RTEN - On April 4th, in ...ton, to Lucinda (née ...nan) and Stanislas, a ...

... - On March 29th, to ...ine and Christopher, a ...ster. Amanda, a sister ...Jenny and Camilla.

...VN-HUMES - On ...ch 28th 1991, at ...ersity College Hospital, ...don, to Rosemary (née ...dridge) and Christopher, ...n, Edward Alexander.

...D - On April 4th 1991 at ...ngdon Hospital, London, ...illian (née Berry) and ...rt, a son, Oliver Michael.

...LAS - On April 3rd ...l, at Queen Charlotte's ...ital, London, to ...stianne (née Joysmith) ...Andrew, a daughter, ...sha Sophia.

...CLOUGH - On March ... to Christine (née ...) and Roger, a son, ...es Michael Kearsley.

...IAM - On March 30th ...t, at Charing Royal ...mary, to Fiona 'Nord' ...Colin, a son, Neil, a ...ther for Rory.

... - see Hayden.

...CASTLE - On April 1st, ...Lincoln, to Adele (née ...len) and Guy, a ...ther, Chloé Adele.

...EN - On March 28th ...l, at St Mary's Hospital, ...lington, to Jocelyn and ..., a daughter, Viola Molly ...ise.

...D - On April 1st 1991, ...rles and Jamie, a son, ...under James, at home.

...S - On March 30th, at ...ital Wing, St Mary's ...ital, London, to Anne ... Steven, a daughter, ...tin Elizabeth.

...BOROUGH - On April ... to Janey (née Bunting) ...Nicholas, a daughter, ...ita Diana Juliet.

... - On March 28th, at ...Portland Hospital, to ...ley and Satnam, a ...ghter, Anjli India.

...ER - On April 2nd, at ...Portland Hospital, to ...d parents Mandy and ...ony, a daughter, Jodie ...elle.

... - see Ribeiro.

...ERTON - On April 2nd, ...Southmead Maternity ...ital, Bristol, to Yvonne ...Phillip, a son, Jonathan ...rew.

...TLEY - On April 2nd, at ...e, to Barbara and Roger, ...Stowell, Bridgwater, a ...hter, a sister for Joanna, ...am and James.

...HER-KELLY - On ...h 22nd, at Harrogate ...ral Hospital, to Mitra ... Peter, a son, Mark ...ph Dee Gratine.

...OLDS-JONES - On ... 4th, to Kay (née ...olds) and Nick, a ...hter, Louise Frances.

...RO - On March 8th, to ...and Andrew, a son, Max ...len Ribeiro.

...KLEY - On April 1st ... to Nadine and ...ael, a daughter, April ...beth Claire, a sister for ...y.

...BEE - On April 4th, at ...field Hospital, to Ann ... Martin, a son, Harry ..., a brother for Oliver ..., Mark and Christopher. ...th grandchild for Alan ...e 70th year), Cicelie and ...ys.

...ABLE - On April 5th, at ... Portland Hospital, to ...stina and Tyo, a ...ghter.

MARRIAGES

...P/RAMFORD - On ...ch 30th, at Hornchurch, ...r. David Alan to Sharon.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

...ERHILL/STARKEY - ...n and Angela celebrate ...ears of marriage today. ...h many congratulations ...love from all the family.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

...R/O'CONNOR - On ... 6th 1931 at St Bedes, ...w, James to Mary, now ...mrose, Tyne and Wear.

DEATHS

...D - On March 26th, ...nly of a heart attack, ...Nur, consultant ...mologist at Hammer- ...and Moorfield Eye ...tal, aged 62. Devoted ...beloved husband of ... much loved father of ... and Julian. Deeply ...d by relatives, ...gues and friends. ...d on March 29th.

BOTTERELL - On March 31st, at Surley. Mary Eileen, loved and splendid mother of Gillian and of Biddy and her husband Peter Stone, wonderful grandmother of Anna and Claire. Funeral private. Please no flowers, but donations to the Yarmouth Lifeboat, c/o D.B. Hudson, Seascape, Yarmouth. I.O.W. Thanksgiving Service later.

BOYD - On April 5th, peacefully in hospital, Hilda Betty, aged 81. Private cremation. No flowers. Donations to Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o Downer & White, Sandown Road, Lake, I.W. Service of Thanksgiving at St Blasius' Church, Shanklin, on Friday April 12th at 2.30 pm.

BRIDGER - On April 4th, Elsie Ada, at her home in Wells. Private family service.

BURRELL - On April 4th, peacefully, Sibell, dearly loved wife of Captain C.D. Burrell, of Broome Park, Alnwick, Northumberland. No letters, no flowers and funeral private.

CARR - On April 5th, in Sheffield, after a magnificent fight against illness, W.J. Denys, beloved husband of Betty and devoted father of Jane, Annabel, Hazel, Caroline and Rachel. Friend of his sons-in-law and a loving grandfather. Private interment at Ecclesall Churchyard. Flowers may be sent. A Memorial Service will be held at The Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday April 20th at 12 noon. Enquiries to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield.

COLLISON - On March 12th, in Anaheim, California, in his 85th year. David Michael, Old Westminster. Most dearly loved only son of Mary and the late Robert Collison and very dear brother of Judith. 'In my End is my beginning'. Cremation took place in California and his ashes have been brought back for burial in England.

DONY - On March 24th, peacefully at home, John George, M.B.E., Ph.D., Hon. Fellow of the Linnean Society of London, aged 91. of 9 Stanton Road, Luton. Private cremation has taken place. Details of a Memorial Meeting to be announced later. Donations, if desired, to the National Trust or to the Friends of Luton Parish Church. c/o Mr J Gosley, Solicitor, 16 King Street, Luton LU1 2DP.

EDWARDS - On April 2nd, peacefully at home, John Abby. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium at 09.45 am on April 11th.

FREDERICKS - On April 4th, Alfred. Dear Father of Valerie, Carole and Andrée. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Sunday April 7th at 10 am. No flowers, donations if desired to Abbot Lodge, St Mary Abbots Hospital, W8.

GAYWOOD - On March 24th, 1991, in Venice, aged 82, Stanley, husband of Sally, father of Carol and Geoffrey.

GEORGE - On April 1st 1991, Ronald Wilfred, in hospital. Father of Valerie and Carolyn and grandfather of Angus. He is sorely missed. Funeral Service at 12.30 on Tuesday April 9th All Saints Church, High Wycombe. Enquiries to Silveys Funeral Directors, (0494) 29195.

GLANVILL - On March 30th 1991, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, Charles James Saville Glanvill, LLB. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Ward ESB or Oncare at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Enquiries to Thomas Furber & Company, (021) 427-2253.

HOMER - On April 3rd, Robert, aged 79, dearly loved husband of Phyllis, much loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to many. Service at Garston Crematorium, Watford, Tuesday April 9th, 1.30 pm. Donations to the British Heart Foundation welcomed.

MARSHALL - On April 3rd, peacefully in Lymington, Betty (Rowlands), widow of Dr. R.M. Marshall, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving in St Thomas' Church, Lymington, April 9th at 3 pm. No flowers.

McCALL - On Easter Sunday, in hospital, after a brave fight against cancer, Lt. Col. Barney Ernest Wilford, late of the Welch Regiment, husband of the late Bly McCall, loving father of Joanna, dear brother of Diana, father-in-law of Marian and grandfather of Simon and Tim. Resting at Roath Court Funeral Home until the funeral service at Thornhill Crematorium Chapel, Cardiff, on Thursday April 11th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Mrs Betty Lewis, 88 Templeton Avenue, Llanishen, Cardiff.

NEEDHAM - On April 5th, in the early morning, peacefully at home after a lengthy illness, Bridget Mary (née Wynne), much loved wife of Eric, mother of Patricia and Brian and grandmother of Peter, in her 78th year. Requiem Mass at St Mary's, Harvington (Kidderminster, Worcestershire) on Friday April 12th at 10.30 am. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

NORMAN - On April 5th, peacefully at the St Nicholas Convent, Holland Park, Priscilla, Lady Norman, widow of Montagu Norman and mother of Simon Towneley and Peregrine Worsthorne. Memorial Service to be announced. RIP.

PHILLIPS - On April 2nd 1991, suddenly at home, Ernestine, widow of Surgeon Rear Admiral George Phillips C.B., mother of Hugh and Myf, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Fovant, Wiltshire, on Thursday April 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Royal Star & Garter Home for Disabled, Richmond Hill, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6RR.

POTTER - On Easter Sunday, March 31st 1991, Edith (née Lees), ARRC, TD, SRN, HV, at home in Barnsley. Dearly loved wife of the late Captain P.E.H. Potter OBE. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The Barnsley District General Hospital (General Fund) c/o Midland Bank, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

REIF - On April 5th 1991, peacefully in Wimbledon, Walter Max, retired Dental Surgeon, aged 85 years. For 50 years devoted and dearly loved husband of Kincha, father of Alan and grandfather of Emma, Zoe and James. Funeral Service 10 am Wednesday April 10th at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only. Enquiries Fredk. Paine, tel: (081) 946-1974.

SKIVING - On March 28th, peacefully at home, Robert William. Funeral private. No flowers but donations, if wished, to Friends of Exeter Cathedral.

SMITH - On April 4th 1991, Barbara Catharine (née Tangye), wife of Henry Ferguson, of Stilgrove, Far Forest, Worcestershire.

SOMERVAIL - On April 4th, Margaret Skeen (Pearl) née MacCleod, aged 93 years, wife of the late Duncan Somervail, a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The Service will take place at Cheltenham Crematorium on Tuesday April 9th at 2 pm, donations may be sent to Lilian Faithfull Home, Cheltenham.

VAN-DE-LINDE - On April 3rd 1991, after an illness stoically borne, Brigadier Raoul Karl, OBE, MC, DSO, BAR, CG, PSC, BA, late of Hodson's House, F136 Burma, ADC to Viceroy Lord Mountbatten in India. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium, Friday April 12th, 12 noon.

YOUNGMAN - On March 30th 1991, Lynda, at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Funeral April 12th 1991. Family only. No flowers. Donations to Help the Aged.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

TRENDALL - Ann Gillian. Service at St Paul's Hammersmith at 11.30 am on Thursday April 18th 1991 and thereafter at Mortlake Crematorium at 12.30 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HARLAND - Miss Joan Harland, Bursar, Ashford School, Kent, until 1974. Who died March 19th 1991. Service to be held at Egerton Church, nr. Ashford, on April 23rd at 2 pm.

PHILLIPS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Nicholas H. Phillips will be held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London W1, on Tuesday May 7th 1991 at 11 am.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BYRNE - Lily Lynne, died April 7th 1985. Remembered with love and gratitude this day and every day.

DODD - In proud and loving memory of Captain Ian Alastair Scott Dodd 6th Gurkha Rifles killed Burma 6th April 1944.

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THE SOUTH-WEST COUNTRY

A DOUBLE LIFE

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

...But the south-west has a special ...acter of its own; for there the ...edness of the west must be ...ered and softened by the gentle- ...of the south. The strong barrier ...eded, as always in the west, but ...nilder influences of the south are ...ork too. Here in South Cornwall ...aster time, there seems a special ...rtunity to study this strange ...ral conflict — or is it rather a ...ony? As one watches the At- ...c rollers coming in at Kynance ...the Lizard with something still ...eir winter fury, dashing them- ...s in the final spray of their ...uction on some serpentine cliff ...ill-haunted rock, one is indeed ...rious of the strength of the west, ...feels that no mere sandstone or ...could withstand this buffeting. ...bove there is often the calm grey ...windless sky or even the hot sun ...ing the waters, and the ...nousness of the south comes ...again. It is no local cyclone ...has formed those breakers, ...come from afar out on the great ..., almost as intruders to an alien ... The sea-birds seem to know ...ontrast too. The herring gulls ...e rising at one moment, tossing ...wheeling in a screaming crowd, ...fits fishers in stormy western ...and at the next sunning themselves in peace in a sheltered nook, with the perfect neatness of preened plumage which seems to mark the sojourner in a rich southern watering-place. The jackdaws venture nearer to sea than is seemly for a land-bird, and on some flat rock stands unruffled a pensive cormorant.

Even the vegetation bears the marks of this double life. The trees, as though part of the structure of the land, stand leafless still — while London is green — leaning, as one sees more clearly while they are bare, eastward away from the prevailing gales. Over them the south seems to shed its spell in vain. But look lower; the valleys are white and golden with the blackthorn and the gorse, and the cottage gardens are already bright with aubretia and arabis and wallflower, and their myrtle hedges are blooming purple and mauve. And on the cliffs, thrift and sea-campions and sea-pinks make their gay patches, and in the fields the daisies and the cuckoo-flowers are everywhere. If the trees are still obedient to the west, the flowers are conscious that they are in the south.

It is tempting to carry the analysis into the human field, to note the grim stone cottages, such as are familiar in Wales or Cumberland, yet gaily white-washed and crowned with steeply pitched thatch roofs which would do credit to Sussex. Even the grey stone churches with their thick-set square towers seem to show a touch of southern luxuriance in machicolated battlements and a slenderness in their interior arches and barrel-roofs. And the very character of the inhabitants — but we are merely Easter visitors, and the short impression of a day or two must not be set down where reply might be made.

There is something of Easter time itself in this south-west country, a *kind of eternal conflict* between the grimness of winter and the west, and the luxuriance of summer and the south.

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Home from home: Mary Stewart-Wilson



How the west was won: Mary Stewart-Wilson outside her gingerbread dream house in the country, The Old Brewery, near Taunton, Somerset

Mary Stewart-Wilson is not a witch but she says she lives in a gingerbread house. She is a woman who likes her make-believe to become reality. While many of her leisure hours are spent popping up in amateur pantomimes, most of her recent professional time has been occupied unearthing the secrets of the last living fairy tale, royalty.

Mrs Stewart-Wilson is the author of the unexpectedly successful *Queen Mary's Doll's House* (Bodley Head, £16). Her agent, publishers and the public were entranced by her infectious delight in the intricacies of time honoured, time consuming craftsmanship. Whether it is the 4in-height of the fully furnished rooms of the doll's house, the colour of the stockings worn by footmen on a full state occasion (pink), how many coats of paint on a carriage (28), or how many years an Ascot jacket must last (80), Mrs Stewart-Wilson devours every detail and lovingly presents them in glossy, hardback format. Her latest treasure trove is about the royal mews, her findings on which are due to be published next month.

She says: "I adore the arts. The day I realised that my children were three grown-up ladies I thought, come on Mary Stewart-Wilson, get off your bottom and do something."

When that something turned out to be writing a book, however, her family was scathing. "My mother said, 'Darling, I think we'd better look at your school reports'; my children roared with laughter and said, 'Mummy, you must be dotty, you can't even have a good idea'."

But Mrs Stewart-Wilson is a determined woman. Initially manoeuvred into position by her husband Blair, the deputy master of the royal household, this supposed no-hoper negotiated the red tape that encases the royal family and, with the photographer David Cripps, produced the book.

Whether it is writing a book or buying a gingerbread homestead and living happily ever after, Mrs Stewart-Wilson's enthusiasm carries her through. She is, quite simply, an all or nothing person. "So when it comes to houses, I want to be at the hub or hundreds of miles away," she says.

For her, a house has to be central London (29 years in Little Venice) or it has to be 100 per cent country (Somerset). Not for her Surrey and the stockbroker belt. Instead, the Stewart-Wilsons journey westwards as often and as quickly as possible. "Blair says I'm very dishonest about how long it takes. But at night, it's two-and-a-half hours."

When it comes to wish-fulfilment, romantics never give up, and so it is with the pull of the West Country. "I was born and brought up there, and it digs deep into your heart and your roots," she says. "When I grew up I thought, 'My God, I'm free. I must get away and I can go anywhere in the world.' But as my mother has always said, 'Darling, you all rush off, but you all come sidling back'. Now mother is a just a bicycle ride down the lane. That, mind you, is a four-mile bicycle ride."

On such a ride with Blair five years ago, the pair paused before what was to become their second home. "It was for sale and I wanted to look," she says. Her husband did not and confidently pointed out that, as it was a bank holiday, everything was closed. That, of course, was no trouble for his wife. She found someone to show them round.

They found the place dark, dull and grotty. "I'm sure the previous owner didn't actually have a pointy hat or a broomstick but someone had certainly had a lot of cats," Mrs Stewart-Wilson says. "The place smelt, but I couldn't allow a mistake to be made. This was the one house I'd always wanted to live in. This was my gingerbread house."

She had been enchanted by the place many years earlier. "When I was a little girl and deeply into the pony stage, Daisy and I used to exercise past the gingerbread house. The windows twinkled, the brass gleamed, the roses grew around the front door and it was love at first sight." She got older, the ponies got bigger and Mary Fox fell for and married Blair Stewart-Wilson. "But the house was still always twinkling at me. Once it was up for sale but Blair said, 'You're quite dotty, I'm a soldier and we can't afford it'."

Five years ago it was on the market again. And Hansel and Gretel were not impressed with the condition in which they found it. Then, Gretel says, "I went upstairs, and suddenly I felt the whole house throbbing and saying 'I want to be loved, please buy me. I want to be opened up to fresh air and sunshine.' Who could resist such a plea?"

Not Mrs Stewart-Wilson. With the help of an interior designer in Taunton, she painstakingly refurbished the house and brought it back to life.

"Everything was made locally," she says. "Now we have a very happy home in the gingerbread house in the middle of the village with the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker around every corner." She intends to retire to the country, the main trouble with town being the difficulty of keeping horses. "Mummy is rather fed up of keeping mine," she says. But she is reluctant to relinquish the half-and-half life.

"I enjoy working enormously," Mrs Stewart-Wilson says. "Most people think women of my age are senile. I'm living proof that a mother of three doesn't have to be put out to grass the day she reaches 50."

NICOLA MURPHY

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

The fur flies as eggs rain down

REPORTING on the birth of our spring lambs last week, I omitted to mention other harbingers of spring: namely Easter bunnies, spring chickens and daffodils. Firstly, I am suspicious of the bunnies. Every night they try to dig burrows in the middle of the sprouting barley, but having scraped away the top inch of soil find the ground too hard to penetrate. By way of consolation they stuff themselves with my precious young corn. Just when I had seen off the winged black vandals from the rookery, nature has mounted a bob-tailed attack from the rear.

Not being much of a shot, I haven't a clue what to do about rabbits. The birds could be scared away, but how do you frighten a rabbit? Read Beatrix Potter stories to it? I am told there is some kind of poison gas you can blow down the holes, but my inclinations are against using chemical sledgehammers to crack natural walnuts. One lad did offer to bring his ferret, but knowing my luck it would get lost down a burrow, the lad would burst into tears and I would end up having to mount one of those headline-catching rescue operations of the sort which extract stuck potholers, while the rabbits sat there laughing.



I suppose I could always train a ferret myself, but I have little inclination towards rodents, and even less to teaching them tricks.

My aged copy of *Livestock on the Farm* devotes a whole chapter to "Ferret Management", beginning: "One cannot picture any animal so relentless, so filled with dogged perseverance, bloodthirstiness, and sheer love of slaughter as the ferret." It goes on: "At feeding times, they should always be called with the same word, 'Puggy-Puggy-Puggy'." I discussed this with the family, who decided that "Puggy, puggy" was dangerously close to our usual call of "Pussy, pussy". Not a nice way for our cat to go. So I decided against training ferrets and turned my mind to breeding chicks.

If I have had one humiliation in my farming career it has been my failure to produce a single egg for my own breakfast. I was given a bantam hen and clutch of chicks last year, and fed the brood up in eager anticipation of the day when puberty struck them and filled my frying pan each morning. Alas, every chick turned out to be a cockerel: noisy, thin, boney cockerels not fit for even the most poverty-stricken pot. My neighbour kindly agreed to dispatch them, as their 2.30am crowing was wearing him down as well as me. He did a tidy job, but so impressed was the mother hen by the way in which her brood had been wiped out that she upped and left and went to live with him. Women always seem to go for rotters with guns. I vowed to be thoroughly unpleasant to the next hen we had in the hope that she might take a shine to me.

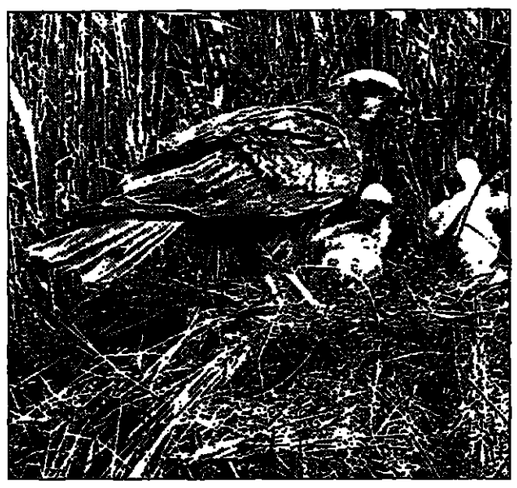
Then, last autumn, I was offered a box of chicks, all guaranteed to be hens. I put up a chicken-run made of tall poles and wire netting and released them from the box in which they arrived. Like the start of a balloon race, they all took to the air and flew high into the branches of the oak trees, clucking contemptuously. I don't mind free-range hens, it is the free-range eggs that are a problem.

They now lay mainly among the hay in the barn, so that whenever I pull down a forkful, rotten eggs drop like stinking hail. We tried clipping the hens' wings so they couldn't fly. They flew.

Which brings me to the daffodils. So far, alone of all living things on the farm, they are causing no trouble at all. From my window I can see them swaying . . . although it might be a rabbit signalling "all clear" to his mate, or there's a hen among them laying an egg.

Feather report

Duet of love on the wing



Rare sighting: a marsh harrier and chicks among the reeds

WATCHED spring catch ight at Minsmere bird reserve n Suffolk. Every day for 14 lays I was there, and I learnt hat one marsh harrier does ot make a summer. I had een her every day: creamy-headed and beautiful, gliding over the reedbeds, her wings held in a shallow V. Only one, and female.

Kestrels hover, sparrowhawks dash, peregrines stoop and buzzards soar. Harriers quarter. They earn their living by gliding over the reedbeds, dropping silently on to voles and moorhens. When a harrier strikes, death comes in a whisper.

Only 15 years ago, marsh harriers were Britain's rarest breeding bird, with just one pair nesting. That was at Minsmere, a place where the normal rules of life seem sometimes to have been suspended. Last year, there were 40 nests in the country: eight nests at Minsmere produced 27 chicks.

The reasons for the improvement are simple. First, there is less gamekeepering, and much less mindless gamekeeping. Second, DDT and related pesticides have been banned. These worked their way up through the food chain and had their most serious effect on the leading predators. To see a marsh harrier at Minsmere is a celebration that some battles in conservation have been won.

Well, no: to see *two* marsh harriers is to celebrate. But it was always one: always a creamy-headed female. Early days yet, no cause for worry — yet every time a Minsmere warden saw a marsh harrier, he hoped it was the first male to arrive.

The sexes are not hard to tell apart: females are mostly dark and creamy-headed, but males have spectacularly tricoloured wings: white background, black-tipped and chestnut-shouldered. When a male arrives, the business of spring can begin.

The holiday weekend came. And I saw him. It was about an hour after dawn, for I had been granted the privilege of entering the reserve out of visitor time, as I was researching a book. I had already sighted the female, and seen her go down into the reeds. Then came the unmistakable male in his glorious colours, gloriously going down into the same patch of reeds. It was clear that the passions of spring had enflamed the reedbeds. Twice I saw the male go to the same spot, carrying sticks: a sign of passion if ever there was one. Then the female and the male took to the air together, separated, and performed their habitual quartering of the reeds, finally coming together again and gliding side by side.

Then all at once, they spun around each other, talon to talon, as if passing something from male to female, and as suddenly, they were down in the reeds again.

This is just a small sample of marsh harrier excesses. They greet spring with the sky dance, which starts at 3,000ft. The male somersaults, loops the loop, crashdives, slews and spins, seeming at times to be totally out of control. The best sky dancers get the best females.

Harriers also perform a ceremonial food pass, initially as part of courtship, later when the male provides for his mate during incubation. He passes a wonderful gift to the female: something no female could resist, such as a dead moorhen.

I had seen the pair perform a dummy pass. Watching them perform that fragment of courtship behaviour made me think of last year's Minsmere superstar, the trigamous male. The reserve had eight nests, with six males. There were five pairs, and one trigamist. All males were throughly involved in the raising of young. The five ordinary males raised 16 chicks between them: the three nests of the trigamist raised 11.

That rogue male was probably the single greatest hero of the conservation movement last year. And to win those three females, what sky dances he must have performed.

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Country events

☐ **Daffodil weekend:** Pretty village in bloom, with smithy, art and craft demonstrations, plant, produce and charity stalls, morris dancing and a brass band.
Thriplow, near Royston, Herts. Today, tomorrow, noon-5pm; £2, child over five 50p, under-fives free.

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☐ **Guided bike ride:** A 15-mile ride along quiet roads and reclaimed railway lines through west Durham.
Meet Broompark picnic area, a mile from Stonebridge on the road to Ushaw Moor, County Durham. Tomorrow, 2pm.

☐ **Minchmoor Walk:** Countryside ranger leads a nine-mile walk from Traquair to Yair, looking at flora, fauna and border history.
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Hollywood lives on the Mersey

rpool provides a set for all seasons, plus almost endless s, in its role as Britain's film city, **Rosie Millard** reports

here is a popular belief that, while the rest of the country looks to London for a iverpool seeks its in- n across the Atlantic. the Liver Building les a Chicago sky- rather than the Albert d the city's reputation irthplace of British pop from the influx of an 45's, straight off the docking by the Pier

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ndustry is responding. razilian Airlines and ola advertisements shot in Liverpool, as *Surrender*, *The Hunt October*, and *The Man e Pru*, to name some of or so film and tele- roductions recently on in the city. Liverpool oubled as Dublin, an American college Leningrad, and an beach village.

because Liverpool is at lendid and redundant, cinema loves it," says Clayton, a Liverpool r, who enabled Disney ate Victorian London ity centre last year for *Shipwrecked*. Indeed, most every street a piece, and more listed gs than any city outside it is an ideal set. ol has a river, docks, close to the Cheshire nd the Welsh moun- multiple locations in ot. Not only does the k the part — much of its ucture has been geared to work for the film industry, with such success that the *work contributes £100 million* a year to the local economy.

Dirty tenement buildings? A team working on the Japanese version of *Whicker's World* was whisked up about four examples within minutes of arriving in the city. A thousand angry union workers (for Tony Palmer's *Testimony*)? The Job Centre provided trained and reliable extras within days. Graham Waters, who used to sell fish and chips on the dock road, now has a film catering business which extends to the rest of Europe.

England's only film commission, which was set up to organise locations, is based at Liverpool library. The commission's head, film liaison officer Paul Mingard, has just returned from the Locations Expo at the American Film Market in Los Angeles, where the Liverpool stand was the only one from an English city.

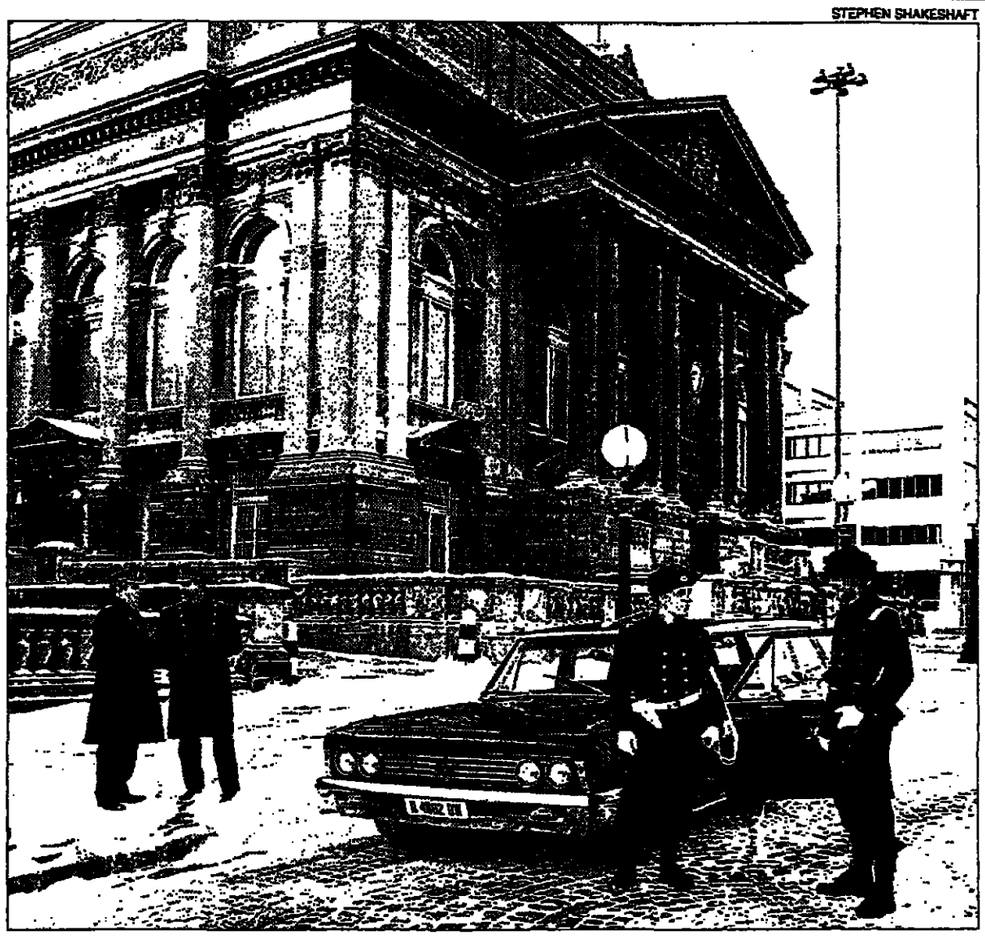
"This is the second time we have been," he says. "Last year, I borrowed the money, because we just had to go. I had nearly 200 enquiries, and a production may come from it. If it is a medium budget movie, we are talking millions for the city."

He has moulded local amenities to suit the needs of the film industry, and provided a guide to steer producers around the city. There are lists of information, including times of sunrise and sunset, and facilities for aerial filming and viewing rushes. "The whole point is to provide the stuff on site, so producers don't have to bus people in who can do it."

Jean Lewis, from the Liverpool Job Centre, has a register showing 2,000 passport photos of unemployed local people who can be called on as extras. It is a unique facility, and a delight for directors. "I've got every strata of society in here," she says. Every extra is hand-picked by Ms Lewis. Flicking through the register with her is like attending an MGM casting session: "This one's a lovely girl, looks like a real tart. She's been a prostitute three times."

One woman was so keen, she gave £125 to Children In Need for the chance to be an extra. "She ended up on the set for *Robin Hood*," Ms Lewis says. "She had to get up at 4am and be part of a peasants' stampede. She was trampled on and smothered in mud, but I got a letter saying it was the most exhilarating day of her life."

STEPHEN SHAKESHAFT



Taken as Red: Liverpool's Walker art gallery doubles as the Soviet embassy for a scene from *The Hunt for Red October*

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Brooklands summer season:** Rally of 150 pre-war cars organised by the Aston Martin owners' club.
Brooklands Museum Trust, Weybridge, Surrey. Tomorrow 10am-5pm; £3.

☐ **British International Antiques Fair:** From 16th century furniture to 19th century sporting memorabilia.
National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Today, tomorrow, Wed, 11am-6pm. Mon, Tues, 11am-9pm. Entry today and tomorrow £5; Mon-Wed £3.

☐ **Youth Arts Exhibition '91:** Showcase for a wide range of youth and community work projects and services. Live performances and video shows.
Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, Coram Street, London WC1. Today. 10am-5pm. Free.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Oceans of Birds:** Wildlife broadcaster Tony Soper on a three-night lecture tour in Burton-on-Trent, Leamington Spa and Shrewsbury.
Tues-Thurs. Details from RSPB's Midlands office (0905 770 581).

☐ ***Children's* Crafts Galore:** Three days of demonstrations and workshops for five to 14-year-olds and accompanying adults. Pre-booking advised.
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Assets

Books bound in a rare passion

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ree years a wealthy family ordered their birthday presents r. Ms Robert made lass frame for Brian ook on architectural lass design. As the book is drawn from its glass sheath, a tiny light illuminates the coloured glass.

A goatskin-covered book on tropical fish, with a moulded cover shaped like an angel fish, was housed in an octagonal aquarium. For the same family, she created a goatskin binding with a wrinkled and contoured map — a relief of 17th century New Holland — to cover a copy of *A Hundred Years of Sail*. Another impressive goatskin binding covered a book on pheasants. Its inlaid design incorporates natural pheasant feathers sweeping in a wing-like curve across the front board and the spine.



Cathy Robert: books as sculpture

A measure of her skill is that she tackles all the work herself, whether making marbled end papers, hand-tooling, painting the edges, moulding leather, cutting copper piping or fashioning Perspex. She also researches each project extensively.

Cost depends on materials and the time involved. The book on sailing was priced at about £500 and the aquarium volume about £3,000. Her book boxes, with natural calf spines and marbled boards, are less expensive, costing about £210.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

● *Cathy Robert, Delta Design, 31 Clerkenwell Close, Unit 409, EC1R 0AT (071-250 1803).*

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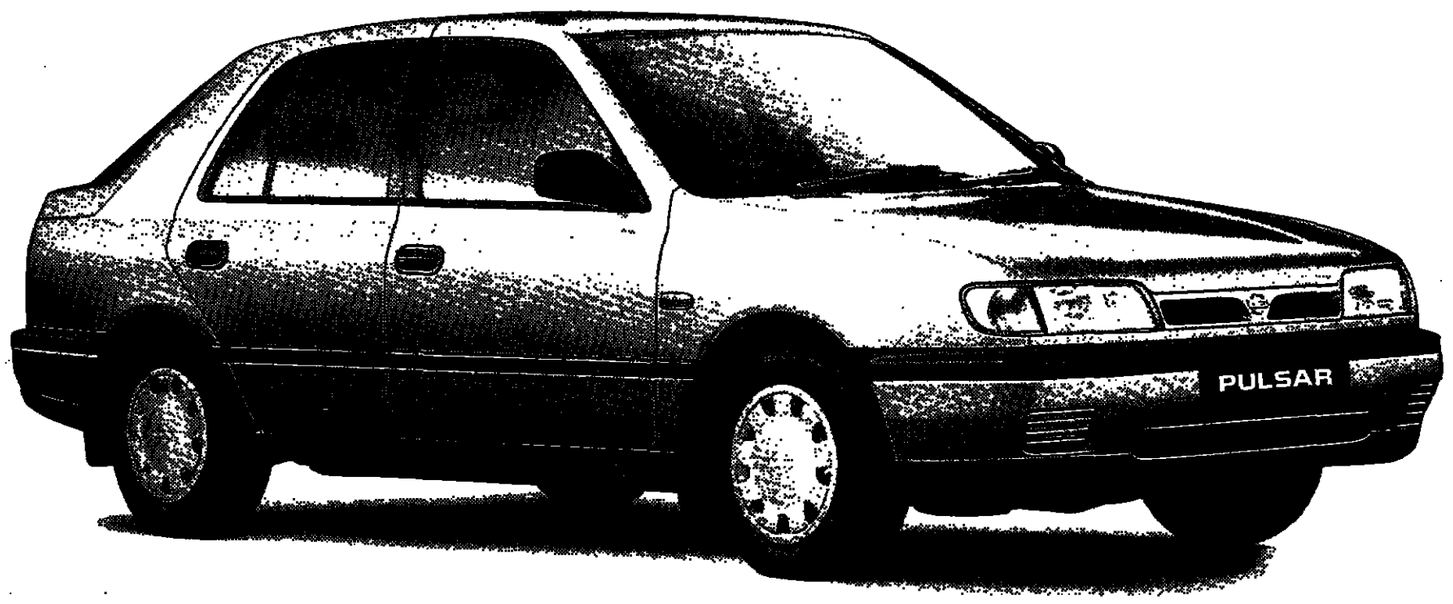
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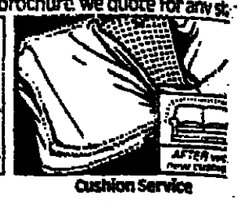
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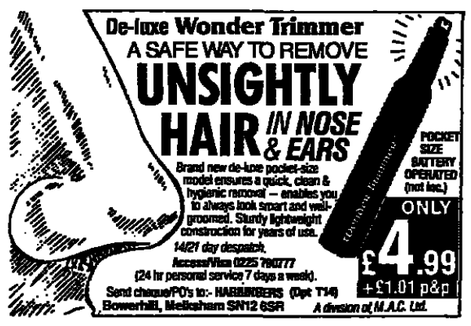
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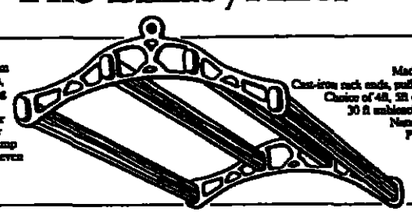
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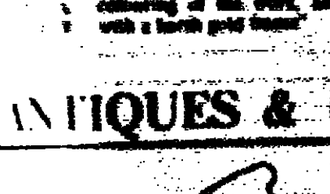
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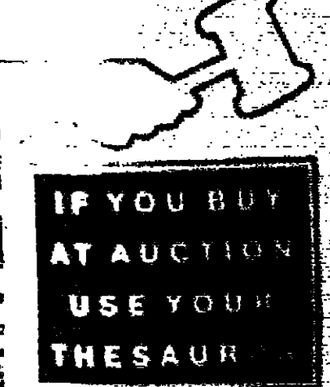
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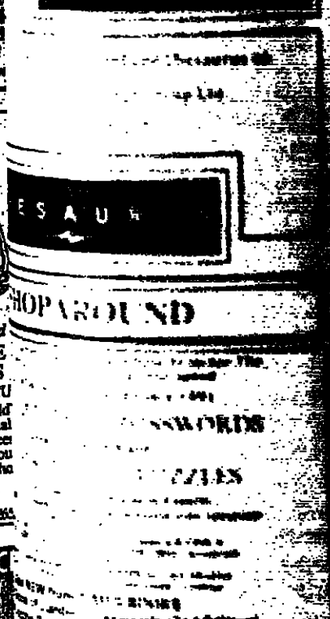
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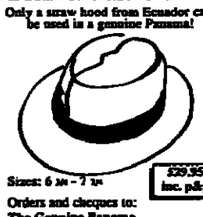
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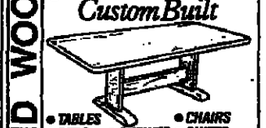
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he finest painting can be ruined by its

. Sarah Jane Checkland reports on

rpieces in unsuitable surroundings



Scornful view: Paul Mitchell says too many valuable paintings are framed with "bog standard repro", making nonsense of the artists' intentions

Mitchell, the Bond et picture framer, says frames at the Emile rle exhibition at the demy are distinctly at modern repro of a ame is ridiculous on a ious as that," he says 's *The Free Perfor-* ich shows a night- d straining to see a "Are we looking at t a frame with four ers?" he asks of *The ed Owl*. "The painting d all this garbage

e exceptions to his as the Ingres *Portrait Devillers* in its orig- n neo-classical many are dis- remarks such as dard repro", marzipan", or ege". ell, whose clients National Gallery tty Museum in vants to improve of this largely L the frame domi- ting, not least in space it takes up, shing how little n connoisseurs pay to to notice the frame at ating on the picture. e frames as marketing ating the status of their ify the price. They do vice about adapting a ed frame for land- though this can make the subject, or of the image and the tion. nk in terms of either icture with the carpet, raming as an act of the bigger the ego, the frame. Bührle, a Ger- industrialist who am- ection of Old Masters, ave fallen into the latter trap, fixing his name prominently on the top edge of the frames. Otherwise his criterion is often dreamily literal, matching up the foliage of a frame with the composition to deadening effect.

The Bührle collection is not alone in having such an approach. Mr Mitchell, who has a large photographic archive of paintings within their frames, says most of the world's museums are at fault, surrounding pictures with unsuitable or anachronistic frames.

Treatment of the Impressionists causes him the most grief, partly because these artists stated their objections to gilt frames because they represented the official painting against which they were rebelling, and partly because, fired by the innovatory colour theories of Michel Eugène Chevreul, the French chemist, they had aesthetic reasons for preferring plain, pale surrounds such as white or grey.

> *Most people do not notice frames. Dealers use them as marketing devices, elevating the status of their stock to justify the price*

The frame, according to Isabelle Cahn in the *Burlington Magazine* three years ago, provided "a certain neutrality, bridging the transition between the painting and the wall on which it was hung".

Although Degas accepted gilt frames as long as they did not destroy what he perceived as the harmony of the work, he wrote of the "artist's duty to see his painting properly framed, in tune with the colouring of the work, and not with a harsh gold frame".

Van Gogh specified that his painting *The White Orchard* should get a "cold white" and "rough" frame, while *The Pink Orchard* should have a "rather warm creamy white" one. Seurat painted his own frames in complementary colours.

At the important Impressionist sales at Sotheby's and Christie's, and at the Bührle exhibition, you would be lucky to see one frame of which the Impressionists would have approved. This is all the more extraordinary when you *reflect that these paintings* are the most valuable in the world.

Back to Bührle: "The unpretentiousness of the scene is at odds with the pompous opulence of the frame," Mr Mitchell says of a Manet *plein air* painting, while the confection around Van Gogh's *The Bridge at Asnières* is "an example of the colour going completely haywire, severely compromising our enjoyment of the painting".

Worst sin of all, he says, is the frame around a small scene by Seurat. "Look what it's doing to the picture. It's absolutely revolting. The worst frame by miles."

Owners of Impressionist paintings do have some excuses. The history of frames is perhaps the least researched corner of art history, although Mr Mitchell is about to correct this with a 25,000-word history of European frames for the huge Macmillan dictionary of art, due for publication in 1994.

Since the arrival of abstraction and minimalism during the course of this century, the frame has largely been abandoned, and so collectors have lost touch with their sense of taste in this direction. European frames started out as architectural elements containing sacred pictures. By the 17th century, although still commissioned as single stylistic entities, they had developed separately, either as carved gilt relief work, which made a statement, particularly effective in candlelight, about a specific, prized image, or plain dark surrounds, of which a Dutch variation, in ripple-effect ebony, has become a craze for the West End dealers, who packed them into the recent European Fine Art fair at Maastricht in The Netherlands.



Right and wrong: the top half of Pontormo's *Duke of Cosimo* is shown here with an appropriate frame; the bottom half is framed unsuitably

The 18th century kept the gilt, but applied it to a neo-classical formula. Napoleon was so taken with it that he kitted out the Louvre in such frames to a depressingly levelling effect, often having the gold leaf on earlier frames melted down for the purpose.

Industrialisation, and the boom in Victorian paintings, took the industry over the top in terms of ornament, which was by then formed from plaster mouldings. A surviving catalogue from the Victorian period, "Best washable gilt Alhambra ornamental picture frame mouldings", is full of squiggles to compete against your favourite picture.

Through changing ownership, fashion, and even revolutions, genuine old frames are often infinitely rarer than the pictures themselves, and so reproductions become a necessity.

The only course forward is for collectors to analyse images in order to develop an eye for the surrounds which would suit them best.

In the case of important works, ideally they should seek frames from the period of the work. Where these are not available, it is surprising how adaptable are the frames from the Renaissance — the most creative period for frame-making, according to Mr Mitchell — although they are among the most expensive. A 16th century frame on a Cezanne, he says, looks much better than any French frame. For an average size cabinet picture, a copy could cost from £500 to £1,500, while its antique equivalent comes at £4,000 to £8,000.

Peanuts make millions

Review

☐ **Shelling out:** For the late Elizabeth Firestone, the American tyre heiress, art collecting was like eating peanuts — "you've got to have another". Her hoard of peanuts made $11 million (£6.2 million) at Christie's New York. A portrait of the Countess of Mornington, dated 1791, by Madame Vijée-Lebrun, reached $791,000.

☐ **A right screen:** A 10½in-high Shibayama-style two-leaf table screen, inlaid with mother of pearl, coral and hardstones, sold for £4,180, about four times the estimate, at Christie's South Kensington.

Preview

☐ **Monday and Tuesday:** Phillips offers works of art, carpets, pianos and decorative furniture in Edinburgh; 11am.

☐ **Tuesday:** A drawing of Paris by Thomas Girtin (1775-1802), which was bought unrecognised in the Brighton Lanes 15 years ago, should make up to £35,000 at Christie's; 11am. The sale also includes works by Turner and Constable.

☐ **Wednesday:** A portrait by Gainsborough (up to £100,000) and a *masterwork by the 19th* century Newcastle marine painter J.W. Carmichael (up to £20,000), are among the British paintings, 1500-1850, at Sotheby's in London; 11am. Sotheby's West Sussex offers a splendid Worcester wine cooler, circa 1830 (up to £1,200). Animal-shaped ink wells and fruit-shaped tea caddies are among the offerings at Christie's South Kensington: 10.30am and 12.30pm.

☐ **Thursday:** Sotheby's English watercolours sale includes a recently discovered and remarkably unfaded Welsh view by Girtin (up to £150,000) and an impressionistic Swiss lake scene by Turner (up to £300,000); 11am. Bloomsbury Book Auctions offers a first edition of *Treasure Island* (up to £1,500); 1pm.

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Perhaps he becomes too shrill. Perhaps he misses some of *Philoctetes's* paradoxical softness, particularly the vulnerability and trust that cause such conflict in Neoptolemus. But both Sophocles and Heaney also emphasise the unyielding bitterness he feels for Odysseus and his other persecutors; and McAleer's fuming vowels certainly catch that. Here, perhaps, is another Ulster trait: an addiction to grievance, an inability to sacrifice pain or self-pity.

When he reviewed the play in Derry, Jeremy Kingston cannily suggested it was a pity Philoctetes thawed at the end, and reversed his refusal to help his fellow-Greeks, only when ordered to do so by a hastily resurrected Hercules. Thus did a *deus ex machina* substitute for free will and rational decision. Certainly, this somewhat undermines Heaney's coda, in which the



Des McAleer as Philoctetes in *The Cure at Troy*

three-woman chorus chant of hope, new life and "a great sea-change the other side of revenge". If Ulster has to wait for Hercules to speak from the mountain before its factions are reconciled, it will wait a long time.

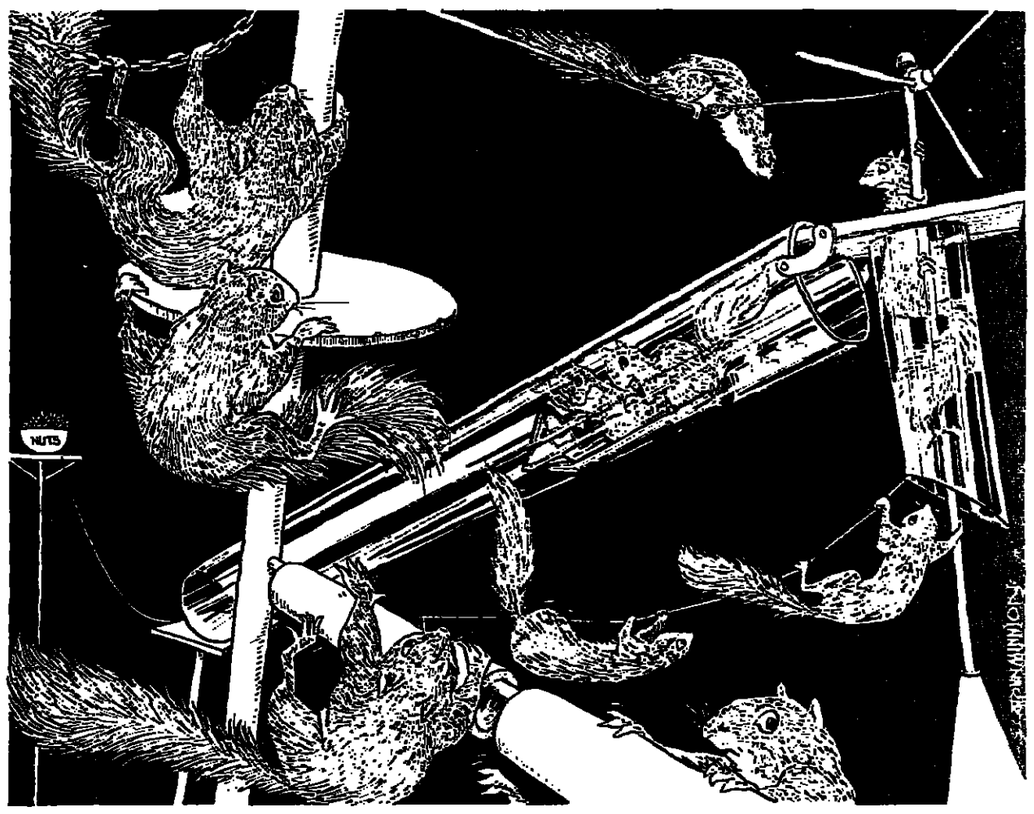
Yet this hardly sums up what the play has to say about Ulster or, for that matter, anywhere else. What Heaney has plucked from the Athenian archives is, after all, a marvellously dramatic meditation on responsibility, justice and forgiveness: a play for all reasons and seasons.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

TELEVISION REVIEW

Hellraisers in among the nuts

Lynne Truss on a *Don Giovanni* with street cred, and petty larceny among the squirrels in *Daylight Robbery 2*



Most comedy sketch shows on television have, at some point, resorted to the comic-subtitles routine. While a prima donna in outlandish Eastern garb wrings her hands and beats her breast, and sings incomprehensibly in a foreign language, bathetic subtitles appear on the screen. "The parking was terrible," she avers at last, sinking to her knees and pressing a hand to her brow. Producing an asp from a box, she drops it into her bosom and sings an aria of sweet pathos. "Either this wallpaper goes, or I do."

Watching the Easter Monday **Don Giovanni** (BBC 2) was rather like having this joke turned into reality. Peter Sellars' American production, set in Spanish Harlem, forefronted all sorts of elements in Mozart's opera that had previously lurked undetected – coke-snorting, for example, and the regurgitation of a hamburger back into its polystyrene box. But sophisticated opera audiences are accustomed to such incongruities: they no longer choke on their smoked-salmon sandwiches when the performers straddle cultures by singing arias and duets in the manner of 200 years ago, while dressing like Madonna in *Desperately Seeking Susan*. Sometimes they even appland.

But this version surely took things too far. While singing the original Da Ponte libretto, the singers were attributed (through the sub-titles) with the worst kind of streetwise argot. "We're going to party till our brains are fried," sang the Don. *What?* "You put the make on me with all kinds of sweet-talk," lamented Donna Elvira (the Don had "snuck" into her house). On the other hand, long stretches sung by Don Ottavio were not translated at all – presumably because they did not fit the production concept.

The only thing that could have made it more surreal would have been to hand the translation job over to Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer of **Vic Reeves Big Night Out** (Channel 4), allowing them to work in some of their catch-phrases, such as "You're a work-shy fop, that's what you are". A black, leather-jacketed Don Giovanni singing in Italian of his horror at the supernatural appearance of the avenging Commendatore, translated as "You wouldn't let it lie, would you? You just *wouldn't* let it lie," might be a development in television opera production well worth considering.

Perhaps Don Giovanni seemed a let-down because it followed the repeat of Trevor Nunn's wonderful *Othello*, shown on Easter Monday afternoon. Or perhaps it was because I was still over-excited from the squirrel-show in **Daylight Robbery 2** (BBC 1). This investigation into squirrels as "bird-table burglars", against whom "back-garden battles" are waged, was a follow-up to the 1988 programme from which the "I bet *he* drinks Carling Black Label" sequence was taken. You know the one: a grey squirrel undertakes the kind of assault course normally associated with the Fleet Air Arm in the Royal Tournament – over this, down this, across there – all in the cause of reaching a few peanuts.

Daylight Robbery 2 strangely attempted to divert attention away from the *That's Life!* attraction of its latest, and even more elaborate, mission-impossible experiment by giving us lots of proper wildlife information about Squirrels of the World (black squirrels, pine squirrels, fox squirrels, southern flying squirrels). But this redundant material only served to heighten one's already fevered anticipation for the main event. Come on, come on! The new assault course is 50 feet long! It incorporates eight-foot leaps, the negotiation of a canvas tube, and ends with the squirrel hurtling through a perspex tube seated in a little red rocket. Having to wait half an hour to see this happen was almost unbearable.

The point of the *Daylight Robbery* films is to show that no bird-feeder is squirrel-proof. Amateur boffins, who no doubt regret the passing of The Great Egg Race, rig up ingenious devices with levers, string and electric fencing which they hope will thwart persistent squirrels. Each time, however, the squirrel fixes the device with a long beady look, scribbles a few calculations on the back of a fag-packet, and skips off humming "Here we go gathering nuts in May". The squirrel's inscrutability makes this process even more engaging. As they take that final ride on the rocket, what thoughts are racing through their rodent brains? "Wait till the kids hear about this"? Or, "This is it. From today I am giving up nuts"?

The squirrel fixes the device with a long beady look, scribbles a few calculations on the back of a fag-packet, and skips off humming 'Here we go gathering nuts in May'

I never thought I'd write it, but my heart went out to Sue Lawley during her landmark interview with John Major (Granada). I have done disastrous interviews with dull people myself, and I know the feeling. You nod and smile politely, but there is panic in your heart as you listen to the leadweight unusable replies that drop your ingenious questions dead in their tracks. "No, funnily enough, I never have a sleepless night," says the interviewee (I am paraphrasing). "No, it is quite false that I own multiple examples of the same neck-tie; in fact I own some considerable number of quite different ties." "This is a nice bronze of the cricketer W.G. Grace. It is nice, isn't it? It is lovely."

Lawley looked happy enough, enjoying the privilege of sinking deep in a comfy chair in Number 10. But the question "Who put me up to this?" may have passed through her mind once or twice. The trouble with her say-cheese method of interviewing is that it encourages the interviewee to think he is being amusing when he is not. At the end of the interview, Lawley and Major shook hands in the friendly manner of two people who have both got what they wanted. But does Mr Major really want to come across simply as a nice chap with a remarkable collection of plates, some of which are quite big? I was reminded of the joke about the man who is the champion of banality, challenged to a banality-duel by a friend in the National Gallery. "That's big, isn't it?" says the friend, pointing at a famous Renaissance canvas. "Yes," says the champion. "And it is also shiny."

The Lawley interview was not, then, the highlight of the television week. Nor, alas, was **The Advocates** (STV), which is a further attempt (like *Shrinks*) at a home-grown *L.A. Law*. Somehow it completely failed to grip, having the dramatic tension of a raffia place-mat. When it was over, I asked myself whether I cared what happened next in each of the plot-lines, and discovered a streak of apathy of horrifying proportions. Did I care about Isla Blair, head of an ailing solicitors' practice in Edinburgh? I did not. Was I curious to know whether the nasty young pimp with the hook nose and pony-tail was going to be exposed? Nope.

In fact, the only detail in *The Advocates* that was interesting was the concept of the maverick solicitor, played by Ewan Stewart, who expressed his rebelliousness by dealing with his conveyancing with speed and panache. This was a novel twist, since most solicitors attempting to assert themselves choose the opposite tactic of placing their conveyancing in a drawer and leaving it there.

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This display by his quartet was certainly as unrelenting as ever. The experience was, if anything, even more exhausting than his epic solo saxophone recitals. In those at least, he sometimes compromises by playing standards, and doing so with exceptional wit and finesse. Nothing so vulgar as a tune surfaced in the first hour-long set in Camden.

But there were fragments of tenacious group interplay, when the theorising about pulse structures and "the vibrational liquid of improvisation" began to make some sense. Braxton's hyper-ventilating dialogues with pianist Marilyn Crispell were invigorating for moments at a time. But apart from the interludes of languorous alto phrasing, the remainder was as engaging as a Beckett play minus actors, scenery and dialogue.

Across town, the American singer Susannah McCorkle is approaching the end of her residency at Pizza on the Park. Like many of the vocalists who have been booked into the venue, she has won sterling reviews for her performances at the fabled Algonquin Hotel in New York.

A former translator and a published short-story writer, McCorkle has ten albums to her name. The latest of them, *Sabia*, is a sensitive, if over-long, excursion into Brazilian music. Although she was originally inspired by Billie Holiday – "My Man" made an appearance in her midnight set – McCorkle does not convey much in the way of raw emotion. The emphasis is on poised, cut-glass arrangements that leave nothing to chance.

She casts her net far wider than most of her contemporaries; almost-forgotten melodies from Hollywood musicals find a place alongside the likes of "Let's Do It" and "Bye Bye Blues".

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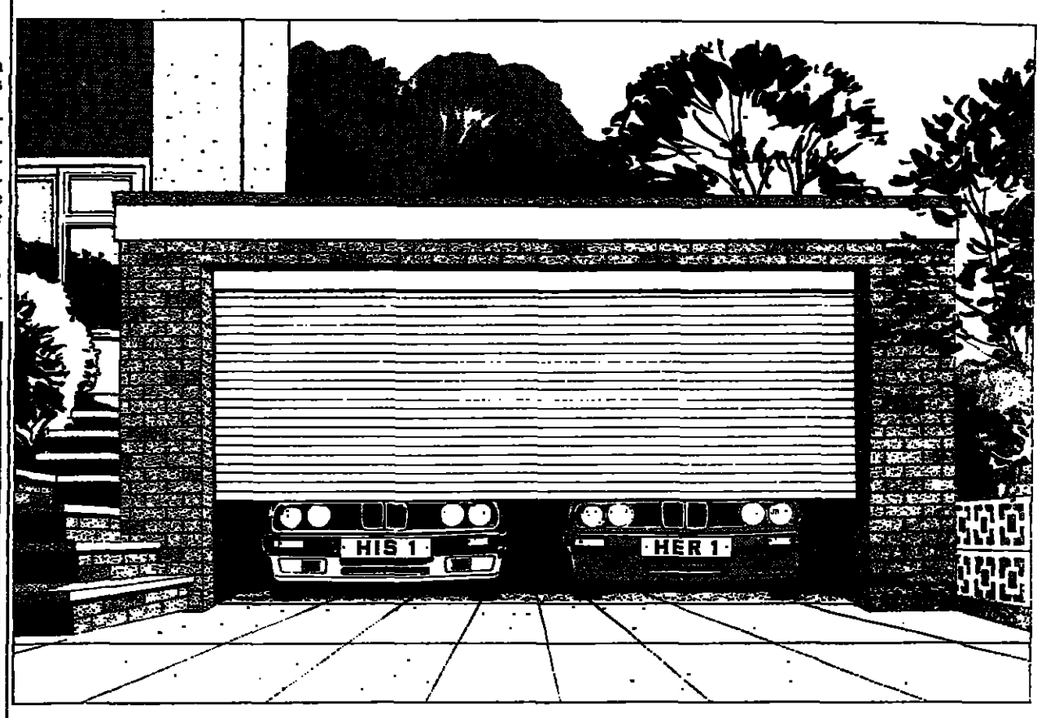
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7.30 Pinocchio. Cartoon fun with the puppet boy
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8.35 BraveStarr. Space age western cartoon (r)



Photographer on the air: guest Lord Lichfield (9.00am)

9.00 Going Live! Children's magazine programme introduced by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield with news, reviews, pop videos and live music. This week's guests are the photographer Lord Lichfield, comedian Bobby Davro and pop singer Oleta Adams. 12.12 Weather
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam from Aintree. Includes news at 1.00 plus live coverage of the Captain Morgan Aintree Chase (1.50); the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle (2.25); and the big race — the Grand National at 3.20. There are more chances to see the race at 4.00 and 10.20. 4.40 Final Score
5.05 News and weather
5.15 Regional News and sport. Wales (to 6.05) Wales on Saturday
5.20 The Flying Doctors: Preacher Man. Return of the undemanding Australian drama starring Liz Burch and Robert Grubb as medics of the flying doctor service. When Coopers Crossing is visited by evangelist Edward Faithfull (Drew Forsythe), the townsfolk are *religiously inspired. The flying doctors are not* as enthusiastic, especially when Faithfull touts his so-called faith healing ministry. (Ceefax)
6.05 Jim'll Fix It. More dreams come true for people of all ages, courtesy of Sir James Savile OBE. A pensioner fulfils a lifelong ambition to be a biker, 13-year-old Katy learns to dance Balinese-style while 10-year-old Guy pits his wits against Miss Scarlett and Professor Plum in a live game of *Cluedo*. (Ceefax)
6.40 Little and Large. Comedy veterans Syd Little and Eddie Large pay a tribute to old timers of rock 'n' roll, Status Quo. With the help of singing group Cantabile, Syd serenades a dinner guest but Eddie gets the dinner. With Maddi Cryer, *Blockbusters* presenter Bob Holness and pop group the Railway Children. (Ceefax)
7.10 Fast Friends. Quiz show hosted by Les Dawson. The format involves two team leaders selecting four contestants each from a group of 40. Their teams then go on to do battle against the clock in a knock-out contest. The captain of the team which comes out on top eventually goes forward to a solo round with Les and has the opportunity of winning a luxury holiday. (Ceefax)
7.40 Film: Overboard (1987). Engaging romantic comedy starring Goldie Hawn as Joanna Stayton, a wealthy but arrogant heiress, and Kurt Russell as Dean Proffit, *a handyman with four unruly* children. The couple are brought together when Hawn is pitched overboard from her yacht and loses her memory. Russell, having himself been tossed into the briny by the quick-tempered Joanna, seizes his chance and claims her as his wife. Superbly played and directed with wit by Garry Marshall. (Ceefax)
9.30 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
9.50 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott presents more stand-up comedy, sketches and weird commercials. With Robert Powell and regulars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis from *The Mary Whitehouse Experience*. (Ceefax)
10.20 Grand National. A re-run of this afternoon's Seagram Grand National from Aintree Northern Ireland: Bass Irish Cup semi-finals
10.40 Film: Endless Love (1981). Overcooked melodrama starring Brooke Shields and Martin Hewitt as star-crossed teenagers Jade and David in Franco Zeffirelli's return to the subject of youthful passion 15 years after his screen *Romeo and Juliet*. Jade's family initially welcomes David's relationship with their daughter until the intensity of their love gets out of hand and they are forbidden to see each other. But young love knows no bounds and David burns down their house. He is committed to a mental hospital and much anguish ensues until the inevitable reunion. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: 11.10 The Grand National 11.30-1.10am Film: Apology for Murder
12.30am Level 42 — Fait Accompli. Documentary record of a hectic year in the life of the rock group, Level 42. Filmed in 1988 during the recording of their album *Staring at the Sun* and a subsequent world tour, the cameras go on-stage, backstage and off-stage and mix concert footage with videos and interviews (r) 1.30 Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University
2.45 The Mahabharat. Indian epic in 91 parts. In Hindi with English subtitles.
3.25 The Sky at Night: Bombardment from Space. Patrick Moore investigates the little-known phenomenon of cosmic rays, mysterious high-speed particles that constantly bombard the earth from all directions. He is assisted by Professor Arnold Wolfendale, a leading authority on the subject (r)
3.45 Film: Giant (1956). Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and James Dean star in this sprawling *Fifties melodrama set in Texas. After a* whirlwind romance, the street-laced Bick Benedict (Hudson) marries Leslie (Taylor). He takes his new wife to the vast family ranch only to see rival land-baron Jett Rink (Dean) fall obsessively in love with her. Pitting traditional greed against modern materialism, *Giant* contains many of the elements that American television would later exploit for soap operas such as *Dallas* and *Dynasty*. Despite its impressive scope and curiosity value (James Dean died only weeks after completing filming) the film now seems overblown and empty. But the scenery is breathtaking and Hudson and Taylor are at their peak. Also stars Carroll Baker, Dennis Hopper and Sal Mineo. The film won an Oscar for its director, George Stevens. (Ceefax)
6.55 Late Again. Includes obituaries of Martha Graham and Graham Greene and a profile of Peter Sellars
7.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather
7.40 Heart of Soweto: Everything I Never Had. Against the background of South Africa's rapid political change and uncertain future, this documentary looks at the hopes and fears of two Soweto women in different financial circumstances. Euginia is *expecting her first child and attends the most expensive clinic in* town while Rebecca awaits her third child and can rely only on the the help of a 16-year-old neighbour
8.10 The Civil War: A Very Bloody Affair.
● CHOICE: The history of the American civil war moves into 1862 and the battle of the Shiloh which killed more men than every American war up to that time. As a present-day observer inelegantly puts it, the horrific casualty figures "sobered the nation up something awful." The ironclads were fighting the naval war, Robert E. Lee was defending Richmond and President Lincoln was being called a well-meaning baboon by his own general. The strength of the series continues to be its use of contemporary sources, paintings, photographs, the words of the great and the humble and popular folk tunes. They admirably convey the atmosphere of the conflict and what the participants felt about it. More arguable is the decision to abandon a continuous narrative in favour of self-contained episodes, separated by long fades, which may help to clarify the story but also reduce the excitement. (Ceefax)
9.10 Twin Peaks. A repeat of last Tuesday's episode that saw Ben Horne replaying the battle of Gettysburg, Agent Cooper and "Denise" taking on the treacherous Jean Renault and Nadine proving that she is more than a match for Hank. (Ceefax)
9.55 Film: Yeelen (1987). This was the first African film to win the Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival. It tells the story of Nianankoro (Issiaka Kane), a young man with magical powers who falls foul of his murderous father and must acquire the ancient knowledge of his people in order to survive. An extraordinary film that lives up to its name variously translated as "brightness" and "light"). Part of BBC2's welcome *Africa on Film* series. Directed by Souleymane Cisse. In Malian with English subtitles
11.35 *Film: Crossfire (1947, b/w). Three American soldiers* fall under suspicion of the anti-semitic murder of a Jewish war veteran in a New York hotel. This courageous feature dealt with a subject, racial intolerance, that contemporary Hollywood would not touch, and consequently had to be made on a shoestring budget. Director Edward Dmytryk turned this to advantage by aiming for a non-naturalistic depiction of the characters and their world. A dark and powerful thriller, shot entirely at night, contains fine performances by Robert Ryan and Paul Kelly and the strong cast also includes Robert Young, Robert Mitchum and Gloria Grahame. (Ceefax). Ends at 1.05am



Three Roberts at night: Ryan, Mitchum and Young (11.35pm)

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Ghost Train. The first of a new series of the children's entertainment magazine presented by Frances Dodge, Angelo Abela and Sabra Williams. Includes cartoons and guests from *Byker Grove*, Sally McCallan who plays Donna and Jill Halfpenny who is Nicola. Music is provided by the Mock Turtles, Bart Simpson and Vanilla Ice
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Vesta Williams
12.30 *Saint & Greavsie. More armchair football pundistry from Ian St John* and Jimmy Greaves
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Grand Sportsmasters. Sporting quiz hosted by Dickie Davies
1.40 World Sport Special. The top sports stories of the week
2.15 Golf: PGA Tour '91. Last week's Players' championship
3.10 Film: Bottoms Up! (1960, b/w) Jimmy Edwards stars in the big screen version of the radio and television comedy *Whack-O!* In this romp Edwards, as a run-down school's seedy headmaster, tries to enrol an oriental prince as a pupil. Directed by Mario Zampi
4.45 *Results Service presented by Elton Welsby*
5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.15 The Winjin' Pom. Comedy series from the *Spitting Image* stable
5.45 MacGyver: Jack of Lies. Return of the action-packed drama series starring Richard Dean Anderson as American secret agent and science boffin Steve MacGyver
6.40 Davro. Bobby Davro with more wicked impersonations, this week on the theme of "keep-fit"
7.10 You Bet! Celebrity guests place wagers on whether members of the public can accomplish their chosen task. Yachtswoman Tracy *Edwards*, television presenter Gareth "Gaz Top" Jones and actress Lynda Baron challenge, among others, 36 members of the Queen's Colour Squadron to complete a precision drill blindfolded and without commands



Ingenious scam: Bryan Murray and Peter Bowles (8.10pm)

8.10 Perfect Scoundrels: Shhh . . . You Know Who.
● *CHOICE: Peter Bowles and Bryan Murray* return as the pair of chalk-and-cheese conmen, perpetrating an ingenious racehorse scam on Bowles's detested former schoolmate. The first series of *Perfect Scoundrels* promised more than it eventually delivered. But the second starts strongly with a nicely worked script by Kieran Prendiville which adroitly juggles a number of narrative strands and keeps the story bubbling along with generous injections of humour. The prank involves passing off a no-good Irish horse as the illegitimate son of the missing Shergar and, just when you think the last drop has been squeezed from it, Prendiville turns up with another twist. It helps that the victim, a bloated Eighties capitalist and nasty with it, is played by the admirable Richard Griffiths. Bowles, the smoothie, and Murray the Irish charmer, are both stereotypes but tonight, at least, none the worse for it
9.10 News with Nicholas Owen. Sport and weather 9.25 LWT Weather
9.30 Taggart — The Movie: Love Knot. Feature-length drama starring Mark McManus as Glasgow's dour detective, Chief Inspector Taggart. A girl's body is recovered from the river Clyde, her features mutilated to prevent recognition. Taggart's investigation takes him to the spectacular landscapes of the Highlands, where strange passions lurk beneath a calm surface (r). (Oracle)
11.00 Film: Tilt (1978). A made-for-television drama about a teenage pin-ball whizz (Brooke Shields) and struggling rock singer (Ken Marshall) who travel to take on the reigning pinball champion (Charles Durning). Despite borrowing heavily from the classic pinball movie, Ken Russell's *Tommy*, the camerawork from inside the pinball machine works spectacularly. Directed by Rudy Durand
1.00am Schimanski: The House in the Wood. German police drama with Gotz George as Inspector Schimanski investigating the disappearance of Michael Mungo (Nicolas Briger), a journalist turned travel guide, after the man's lover appeals to him for help
2.45 Backstage. A look behind the scenes of Hollywood
3.00 American College Football. Syracuse v Pittsburgh
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. With Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan
5.00 The Twilight Zone: Curious Case of Edgar Wither. Classic cult series journeying beyond time and space (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. *Cartoons 7.30 The People's Game. Part one* series tracing the history of football (r) 8.00 Trans World Sp
9.00 News summary followed by Channel 4 Racing — The Mid Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with jazz stars of the Thirties Forbes (r)
9.30 Same Difference. Repeat of Tuesday's edition of the k magazine presented from the perspective of disabled peopl
10.00 Free for All. Includes an item on hunt saboteurs (r)
10.30 Wagon Train (b/w) Vintage western series from the Fifties
11.30 World League of American Football. The London Monarchs the New York Knights in their first home game
12.30 The Munsters (b/w) (r)
1.00 Film: Theodora Goes Wild (1936, b/w). Crazy comedy st Irene Dunne as a sheltered New England librarian who lets h down in New York after writing a best-selling exposé about town life. Directed by Richard Boleslawski
2.45 Film: The Awful Truth (1937, b/w). The second of this after Irene Dunne double bill is another screwball comedy, in wh series of misunderstandings prompt Dunne and husband Grant to file for divorce. Grant meets a nightclub entertainer Lamont) and Dunne a wealthy oil heir (Ralph Bellamy), course there is a happy ending. Splendidly written and direc Leo McCarey, who won an Oscar
4.25 Walkie Talkie. Muriel Gray talks to the Duke of Westmo Britain's wealthiest man (r)
4.55 Lady Fishbourne's Complete Guide to Better Table Man Animated cartoon from Canada
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext)
6.30 News and weather followed by Right to Reply. Bias in tele news and current affairs is discussed as is the worth of previ
7.00 Sound Stuff: The Django Legacy.
● CHOICE: Channel 4's eclectic music strand presents a t John Jeremy about the enduring influence of the great guitarist, Django Reinhardt. A resumé of Reinhardt's ste which was ended by a stroke in his 44th year, is the backd homages by performers from France, The Netherlands and Reinhardt's achievement was considerable. He brought ja the culture of his own people, the gypsies, was arguat greatest European contributor to an American art form and contradiction the outstanding practitioner of the the jazz *The film waits the annual festival at Samois-sur-Seine,* Reinhardt spend the last years of his life, and includ memories of his son, Babik. British contributions come fro Niblett, who first saw his idol at the Brixton Empire in 1938 st started the Club Django, and young Gary Potter, who kee Reinhardt legacy alive in the pubs of Liverpool
8.00 Swastika Over British Soil. Documentary about th occupation of the Channel Islands during the second world
9.00 thirtysomething: Prelude to a Bris. The superior America exploring the lives of seven friends in their mid-thirties w its fourth series. All the regular cast are here, including t winning Patricia Wettig, who plays the cancer-stricken



Polly James, Barbara Durkin and Brenda Bruce (10.

10.00 4-Play: Finding Sarah.
● CHOICE: Julia Kearsley's drama features Barbara Du aspiring ballroom dancer in the BBC sitcom *Taking the Fl* young woman who was adopted as a baby and is determ find her natural mother. Married to an ageing environmer (David Horowitz), she has a small daughter and maintains relationship with her adoptive parents (Brenda Bruce Windsor). Everyone tells her to leave well alone. But she re be deterred and a search of south Lancashire has the result, if not quite in the way she would have wished. *Finda* is serious minded and decently acted but tends to com more as a dramatised case study than as a telling piece o Neither the detective element of tracking down the real nor the climactic confrontation, grip as strongly as they
11.10 A Shoe Fetishist's Guide to Bruce Morton. The young comedian provides a half-hour of off-the-wall humour (r)
11.40 After Dark. Tonight's subject is serial killing and amo taking part in the discussion are John Sutcliffe, father Sutcliffe, the "Yorkshire Ripper", Michael Winner, the d the *Death Wish* films and Helen Zahavi, who has writte about serial killing

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Cool Cube 5.00 The Magician 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 Live-In 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 China Beach 9.00 Designing Women 9.30 Murphy Brown 10.00 The Happening 11.30 Monsters 12.00 A Twist in the Tale 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
● Includes news on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Getaway 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Getaway 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Getaway 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were The Days
● Via the Marco Polo satellite only.
As Astra satellite except:
1.30pm Opera: Mozart's Le Nozze Di Figaro 4.30 Profile: Picasso 7.30 Ballet: Giselle 10.30 Jazz: Miles à Paris.

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Sky Movies Showcase. Including at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight.
8.00 Jack of the Bushveld: Children's tale about the adventures of a plucky little dog called Jock.
10.00 Yogi Bear and the Magical Flight of the Spruce Goose: The bears have adventures in a rickety old plane.
12.00 Captain Blood (1935, b/w): Suave swashbuckler Errol Flynn stars as Dr Peter Blood, unjustly sentenced to forced servitude in the Americas.
2.00pm The Lighthorsemen (1988): Sprawling, all-action epic set in Palestine during the first world war.
4.00 WW and the Dibde Dance Kings (1975): Burt Reynolds plays a misguided modern-day Robin Hood who robs petrol stations.
6.00 Running Mates (1986): Two teenagers find their relationship becomes strained when they get caught up in a political feud between their respective fathers.
7.40 Entertainment Tonight.
8.00 Desperate for Love (1989): Two teenage boys' close friendship is shattered by the arrival of a girlfriend.
10.00 Rambo III (1988): Explosive action as the taciturn Vietnam vet goes on the offensive in Afghanistan.
11.40 Black Emmanuelle (1975): The erotic adventures of a young female photographer.
1.20am Revenge of the Nerds (1984): Comedy about a bunch of all-American geeks who rise up against persecution by the school tough guys.
2.50 Bird (1988): Compelling drama that traces the life and fast times of jazz musician Charlie Parker. Ends at 5.25.

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Children's Programming 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Mobil 1 Motorsport 9.30 World Sports Special 10.00 Super Funboard World Cup 11.00 Saturday Alive: Grand Prix Sailing from Canberra; Estoril Open Tennis; History of the Tour of Flanders; Ice Hockey World *Championships; Freestyle Skiing 5.45pm* BOC Round the World Yacht Race Update 6.00 International Motor Sport 7.00 Australian Rules Football 8.00 Ringside 10.00 World League of American Football 1.00am Test Match Cricket — West Indies v Australia 2.00 Estoril Open Tennis 3.30 Live Grand Prix Motorcycling (continuing coverage through the night)

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
7.45am Citroen Ski Europa 8.45 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 9.30 Ice Racing 10.00 Major League Baseball 11.00 Motor Sport F3 11.30 Mobil 1 Rally Challenge 12.00 Stop — Mud And Monsters 1.00pm Argentinian Football 2.00 NBA Basketball 4.00 Powersports International 5.00 Motorsport Rallycross 6.00 Update; British Open Rally Championships 6.30 NHL Ice Hockey 8.30 Major League Baseball 9.30 Ice Racing 10.00 Weekend Live Tennis 12.00am *Fight* Night At The Forum 1.30 NBA Basketball *3.30 NHL Ice Hockey 5.30 US PGA The* Players Championship

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop.

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores! 2.45 Spain Spain Holiday 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marco Polo satellite.
12.55pm Robin and the Seven Hoods (1964): Frank Sinatra plays a mobster who takes on the role of a prohibition-era Robin Hood. With Dean Martin, Bing Crosby and Sammy Davis Jr.
2.55 Brother John (1972): Sidney Poitier stars as the son of God in this quirky comedy *about the second coming of Christ.*
4.30 It Shouldn't Happen to You (1953): Bizarre comedy concerning the rapid rise to stardom of a publicity-seeking Hollywood actress.
6.00 Somewhere in Time (1980): A man falls in love with a girl in an antique painting. Starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour.
8.00 The Boss' Wife (1986): A high-flying stockbroker finds his career is on the line
10.00 Gator Bait II: Cajun Justice (1988): Horrific death abounds when a bunch of thugs gatecrash a wedding party being held by the fearsome Big T.
11.45 The Hidden (1986): Superior sci-fi horror about an alien being which takes over dead human bodies and goes on the rampage in LA. With Kyle MacLachlan and Michael Nouri.
1.20am Number One (1984): Bob Geldof is an ambitious snooker player forced to make sordid deals. Ends at 3.00 .

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marco Polo Satellite.
10.00am World Champions Challenge Darts — Live. 12.00 Australian Rugby League 1.00pm Live Test Match Cricket — West Indies v Australia 6.00 World Champions Challenge Darts — Live 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Live Test Match Cricket 11.00 Scottish Football Magazine 12.00 Test *Match Cricket 1.00am Ringside*

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
8.00 am Twenty hours of rock and pop.

RADIO 1

5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Soul by the Sea: Including the Temptations, Ziggy and Rita Marley and Stevie Wonder (part 3 of 3) 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner 7.00 Saturday Rock Show presented by Alan Freeman 10.00 In Concert featuring Jules Cruise and Throwing Muses 11.00 John Peel

RADIO 2

4.00am Steve Madden 6.00 Graham Knight 7.45 Take 2 with Bob Stinfield and Vivian Stuart 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the 50s 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the 60s 10.00 Bridget Rowe, the editor of the TV Times takes *over from Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm The News Huddlines 2.00 Jeremy* Nicholas (New Series) 3.00 Country Greats in Concert: George Hamilton IV introduces George Jones 4.00 The John Dunn Interviews 4.30 Chris Stuart and Friends (New Series) 5.00 Cinema 2 with Charles Nove 5.30 Screenplay hosted by Iain Johnstone 6.00 Encore with Dave Gelly 7.00 Jazz Score 7.30 Saturday Gala Night: BBC Concert Orchestra Tour of Germany 1990 9.30 Easy Does It with the BBC Big Band 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am It's a Funny Business: Veteran ventriloquist Albert Saveen reflects on his career with the help of Daisy May 12.30 Len Jackson Presents Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am World Service: News; 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs, incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 9.00am Sport 9.02 On Your Marks Mark Curry is host, incl News & Sport at 10.00 and 11.00 12.00 News and Sport 12.04pm Aintree Preview: Mark Saggers with all the latest news of betting, going and gossip for this afternoon's Seagram Grand National 12.30 Sportscall Phone-in Quiz with Danny Baker: 0345 909 693 1.30 Sport on 5 Introduced from Liverpool by John Inverdale. Racing from Aintree, football, rugby union 6.00 As Radio 4 10.00 Sport 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.15 European Concert 12.00 News & Sport 12.15am Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather news 6.00 Newsdesk; 6.30 Londres Matin: News in French 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 On the Record 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good *Show 10.00 News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 11.00 News* Summary 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi: News in French 11.45 Mittagsmagazin: News in German 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German including Weltspiegel; Gansuur Betrachtet 4.58 Travel News 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir: News and features in French including Les Hommes et les Livres; Itineraire Anglais 6.14 Letter from America 6.15 BBC English 6.29 News summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell: News and sport in German 7.00 German features including Tips für Touristen; Aktuelles Feature; London Heartbeat 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 Write on . . . 8.15 Londres Dernière: News in French 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From The Weeklies 9.00 News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Seeing Stars 11.20 Jazz for the *Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05 Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A* Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Play of the week: Damaged Goods 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Tampering with the Past 4.00 News; News about Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On . . . 4.45 News and features in German including British Press Review; Sunday Feature; Tips für Touristen

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.40pm McCloud: The Park Avenue Rustlers 3.00-4.45 The Ngaio Marsh Mysteries 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 1.00am The Making of... 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Nascar 5.00-5.30 Peppino

BORDER

As London except: 1.40pm *The Silk Road* 2.35-4.45 Rugby League: Sheffield Eagles v Widnes 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.00 Magnum 11.55 Film: The Four Seasons 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.10pm Out of Limits 2.20 Matlock 3.15-4.45 Film: Tiger of the Seven Seas 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.00 Film: Lone Wolf McQuade 1.05 CinemAttractions 1.40 Hudson Confidential 2.05 Casey Kasem's Rock & Roll Goldmine 3.00 American College Football 4.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 1.40pm Le Duracho 1.45 Beatha 'n Fhasaich 2.15 Ceann Tara 2.50 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.50-4.45 Coronation Street 5.10-5.15 Criomagan 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.00 Philip Marlowe — Private Eye 11.55 Film: The Four Seasons 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

GRANADA

As London except: 1.40pm McCloud 2.35-4.45 Rugby League: Sheffield Eagles v Widnes 5.45-6.40 Beverly Hills, 90210 11.00 Philip Marlowe — Private Eye 11.55 Film: The Four Seasons 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.40pm The Young Riders 2.40-4.45 Film: The Assassination Bureau 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.00 Bedrock 12.00 Hardball 1.00 Film: The 7th Dawn 3.15 New Music 4.10 Raw Power 5.05-5.30 Cover Story: Englebert Humperdinck

TSW

As London except: 1.40pm The South West Week 2.10 Spirit of the Cities 3.05 Cartoon Time 3.15-4.45 Film: Tiger of the Seven Seas 11.00 The Law and Harry McGraw 11.55 Film: The Four Seasons 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TVS

As London except: 1.40pm Motorsport Special 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05-4.45 Film: Died in the Wool 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 1.00 America's Top Ten 1.30 CinemAttractions 2.00 American College Football 3.00 Adventure Bound 4.00 California Highways 4.30 Night Gallery 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.40pm McCloud 2.35-4.45 Rugby League: Sheffield Eagles v Widnes 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.00 The New Avengers 11.55 Film: The Four Seasons 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

ULSTER

As London except: 1.40pm Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 The A-Team 3.40 The Munsters Today 4.10-4.45 Blockbusters 5.45-6.40 Magnum 11.00 Philip Marlowe — Private Eye 11.55 Film: The Four Seasons 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.40pm McCloud 2.35 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.00-4.45 Ngaio Marsh Mysteries 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.00 Soccer Special 11.55 Film: Tilt 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Police Precinct 5.00-5.30 Sabre 228

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.30 The People's Game 8.00 Trans World News Summary 9.04 C4 Racing and Swing 9.30 Same Difference Garden Club 10.30 Free For All Painter's World 11.30 Remote Co Jonathan Ross 12.30 Sumo 1 League American Football 2.00 is the Spur" 4.05 Lisa Stans Brookside 5.30 Newyddion 6.40 Gosu'n Byd 8.05 Y Maes Ch Film: Wetherby (Vanessa Red Holm) 11.00 Of Dice and Men 11 Fetishist's Guide to Bruce Mo After Dark 1.40 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 9.00am Scratch Salut Labour Party Conference 1.30 lowed by The Liberators 2.25 Be 3.10 Orphans of the Wild 3.35 S 3.50 Film: Fish Hawk 5.30 Dick T The Angelus 6.01 News 6.20 Ma Talkabout 7.05 Star Trek: The Ne tion 8.00 The Labour Party C Speech 9.00 News 9.25 Miss Mar Kenny Live 11.40 Film: Long Ti 1.20 News 1.25 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 11.15am Labour Party C 12.30 News 12.34 Sports Stu Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Sno News 8.05 North and South Orbison Live in Texas 10.00 Sno Close

RADIO 3

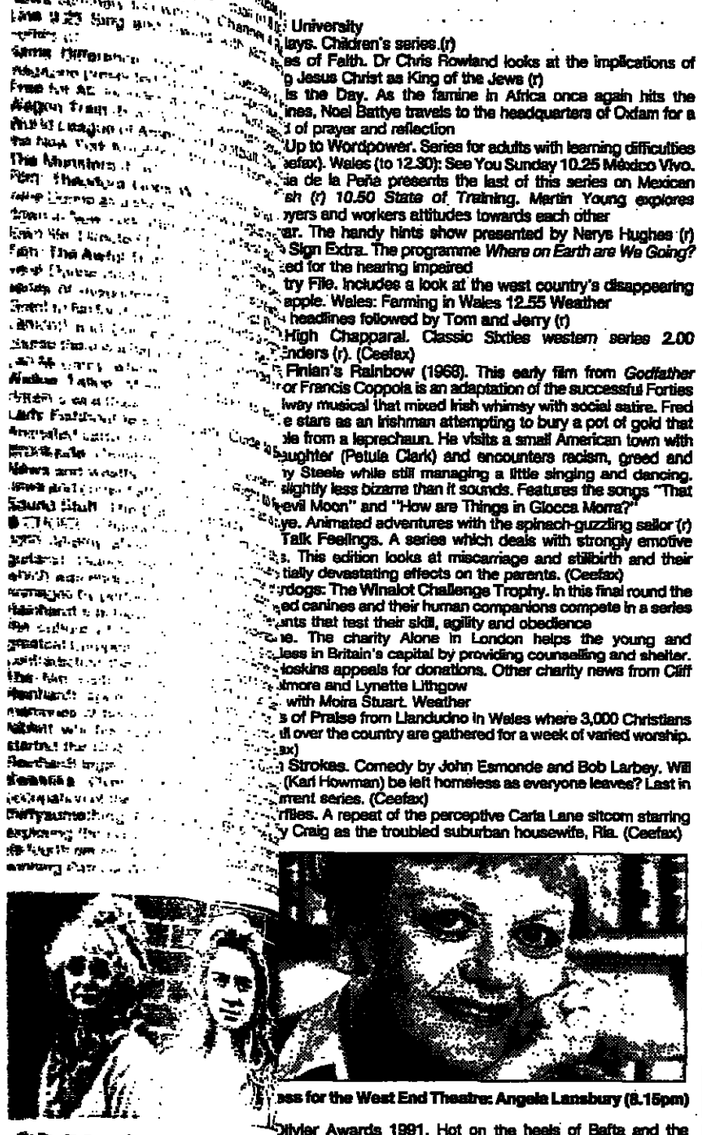
6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University
6.55 Weather; News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Musorgsky (Prelude, Khovanshchina: Cleveland Orchestra under Szell); Paderewski (Minuet in G; Nocturne in B flat: Stephen Hough, piano); Holst (St Paul's Suite: Guildhall String Ensemble)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Satie, orch Debussy (Two Gymnopédies: Montreal Symphony Orchestra under Dutoit); Saint-Saëns (Havanaise: Arthur Grumiaux, violin, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Haitink); Rimsky-Korsakov (Quintet in B flat: Capricorn); Falla (Ritual Fire Dance, El amor brujo: Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra under Previn) 8.30 News
8.35 Ulster Orchestra under Simon Joly performs Malcolm Arnold (Four Irish Dances, Op 126); Vaughan Williams (Concerto Accademico for violin and string orchestra: Richard Howarth, violin); Malcolm Arnold (Symphony No 6, Op 124) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review with Edward Greenfield. Record Review: Building a Library: Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet by David Nice; Roger Nichols reviews new releases of French opera. 10.40 Record release: Saint-Saëns (Samson et Dalila, Act I: José Carreras, tenor, Agnes Baltsa, mezzo, Bavarian Radio Chorus and Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis. 11.27 Prokofiev (Four short piano pieces played by the composer) 11.39 Mozart (Quartet in D minor, K173: Hagen Quartet) 11.58 Debussy (Le Martyre de Saint Sébastian, symphonic fragment: Montreal Symphony Orchestra under Dutoit) 12.24pm Purcell (Incidental music for Bonduca: Taverner Choir/Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood
12.55 Words: Clement Freud reflects on language
1.00pm News
1.05 Tokyo Quartet performs Bartók (Quartet No 4, 1928); Beethoven (Quartet in E flat, Op 74, The Harp), with Peter Oundjian, violin, Kikuei Ikeda, violin, Kazuhide Isomura, viola, Sadao Harada, cello (r)
2.10 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk perform Stravinsky (Jeu de Cartes); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1: Dmitri Bashkirov, piano); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6)
4.00 Tuning Up: Viva (Leland Chan and Clare McFarlane) play duos for two violins and violin/viola by Leclair, Mozart, Wienawski and others, and talk to Chris de Souza
5.00 Jazz Record Requests
5.45 Third Opinion: Reviews of a biography of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Irish poet Seamus Heaney's play *The Cure at Troy*, and photographs by Marketa Luskacova at the Whitechapel Gallery; also features on domestic photography and whether or not composers should conduct their own work
6.30 Parsifal: Act I.
● CHOICE: Devotees of Wagner's last opera, broadcast live tonight from the New York Met, will be able to cope without H.F. Garten's *Wagner the Dramatist*. Other *listeners, either more familiar* with *The Ring* or pitifully unfamiliar with anything by Wagner, will find much in the book to smooth the path towards a fuller appreciation of *Parsifal*, which Garten somewhat offputtingly describes as being devoid of human conflict, moving on a purely spiritual, transcendental plane. The music is mostly magnificent. Placido Domingo is Parsifal, with Jessye Norman as Kundry and Ekkehard Wlaschiha as Amfortas. James Levine conducts.
8.30 Under God: American journalist Garry Wills talks to Conor Gearty about his new book, a study of religion in the United *States 9.00 Parsifal Act II*
10.10 Talks from the archives of live broadcasts from the Met: John Culshaw on *Parsifal* (1979) and an interview from 1955 with Kirsten Flagstad, the Wagnerian soprano 10.40 Parsifal Act III
12.00 News
12.05-3.30am Russian Orthodox Easter Vigil: from All Saints Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens, London. Conducted by Fr Anthony of Sourozh, choirmaster Michael Fortounatto

RADIO 4

6.00am News; Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 Today Incl News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30; Weather at 7.55, 8.58
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4: Presented by Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Susan Marling visits the tropical island of Mauritius; and David Prest samples a variety of vodkas aboard the Russian cruiser, Karelia
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin hosts an hour of live interjections by Carol Thatcher, Michele Kirsch, Steven Wells and others
11.00 News; Talking Politics: The first of two programmes portraying more than half a century of parliamentary life through the eyes of MPs who are retiring at the next general election — Sir Geoffrey Howe, Denis Healey, Michael Foot, Cecil Parkinson and Sir Bernard Braine. Presented by James Naughtie
11.30 Europhile: Max Easterman looks behind the headlines in the European papers
12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took fires questions and quips at Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and their guests on the week's news 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? The panel: Virginia Bottomley MP, health minister, Howard Davies, of the Audit Commission for England and Wales, Rosalind Miles, journalist and broadcaster, and Jack Dromey, of the Transport and General Workers Union. From Baildon, West Yorkshire, with Jonathan Dimbleby in the chair (r) (s) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

BBC 1

University
lays. Children's series.(r)
es of Faith. Dr Chris Rowland looks at the implications of g Jesus Christ as King of the Jews (r)
is the Day. As the famine in Africa once again hits the ines, Noel Battye travels to the headquarters of Oxfam for a l of prayer and reflection
Up to Wordpower. Series for adults with learning difficulties efax). Wales (to 12.30): See You Sunday 10.25 Médico Vivo. ia de la Peña presents the last of this series on Mexican sh (r) 10.50 State of Training. Martin Young explores yers and workers attitudes towards each other
ar. The handy hints show presented by Nerys Hughes (r)
Sign Extra. The programme *Where on Earth are We Going?* ed for the hearing impaired
try File. Includes a look at the west country's disappearing apple. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather
headlines followed by Tom and Jerry (r)
High Chapparal. Classic Sixties western series 2.00 nders (r). (Ceefax)
Finian's Rainbow (1968). This early film from *Godfather* or Francis Coppola is an adaptation of the successful Forties way musical that mixed Irish whimsy with social satire. Fred e stars as an Irishman attempting to bury a pot of gold that le from a leprechaun. He visits a small American town with aughter (Petula Clark) and encounters racism, greed and y Steele while still managing a little singing and dancing. slightly less bizarre than it sounds. Features the songs "That evil Moon" and "How are Things in Glocca Morra?"
ye. Animated adventures with the spinach-guzzling sailor (r)
Talk Feelings. A series which deals with strongly emotive s. This edition looks at miscarriage and stillbirth and their tially devastating effects on the parents. (Ceefax)
rdogs: The Winalot Challenge Trophy. In this final round the ed canines and their human companions compete in a series nts that test their skill, agility and obedience
e. The charity Alone in London helps the young and less in Britain's capital by providing counselling and shelter. Hoskins appeals for donations. Other charity news from Cliff more and Lynette Lithgow
with Moira Stuart. Weather
s of Praise from Llanduno in Wales where 3,000 Christians ll over the country are gathered for a week of varied worship. ax)
Strokes. Comedy by John Esmonde and Bob Larbey. Will (Karl Howman) be left homeless as everyone leaves? Last in ment series. (Ceefax)
ffles. A repeat of the perceptive Carla Lane sitcom starring y Craig as the troubled suburban housewife, Ria. (Ceefax)



ss for the West End Theatre: Angela Lansbury (8.15pm)

Olivier Awards 1991. Hot on the heels of Bafta and the my Awards comes the Society of West End Theatre handing izes for the best productions of the past year. British-born a Lansbury (of *Murder, She Wrote* fame) plays hostess and en the awards are excerpts from such productions as *The Horror Show, Show Boat, Five Guys Named Moe* and the oming *Carmen Jones*. (Ceefax)
grammes times following are approximate
with Michael Buerk. Weather
rmind introduced by Magnus Magnusson from the Great Nottingham university. The specialist subjects are Mahatma i, Cuba, the Marx Brothers and Charles Darwin
of the Matter. In the last of the current series Joan Bakewell s on faith healing and miracle cures, talking to both ates and sceptics
the Talk: Body and Soul. First programme in a new ten-part about becoming a successful manager. Business guru s Handy offers advice and inspiration and talks to Body founder Anita Roddick. Northern Ireland: International g
bharat. In Hindi with English subtitles (r). Northern Ireland: Walk the Talk 11.50-12.30am Mahabharat
her

BBC 2

6.35 Open University
12.00 US Masters Golf 1990. Steve Rider introduces highlights from last year's competition at Augusta where Nick Faldo beat Ray Floyd to become only the second man to retain the title
12.50 Town Portraits. John Grundy enjoys Hexham in Northumberland where he finds a wealth of beautiful buildings(r)
1.00 Open University: An Introduction to Psychology – Child's Play (r)
1.25 Film: The Master of Ballantrae (1953). Errol Flynn stars in a stodgy Anglo-American version of the classic novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. It is 1745 and the heir to a Scottish title goes to fight for Bonnie Prince Charlie on the toss of the coin, leaving his brother to look after the family estate at Ballantrae. Returning after the defeat at Culloden he is imprisoned by the English and believes his brother guilty of the betrayal. With Anthony Steel, Beatrice Campbell, Felix Aylmer and Roger Livesey. Directed by William Keighley with little of the flair that he brought to a pre-war Flynn vehicle, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. Wales (to 3.15): Rugby Special Wales – Pontypool v Swansea live
2.50 Animation Now. *Mountain Music*
3.00 One in Four. This magazine programme on disabled matters has reports on the activities of American war veterans fighting for facilities and benefits, plus an investigation of access into trade unions and a look at post-unification Germany. With signing and subtitles (r)
3.25 Film: Fanfan La Tulipe (1951, b/w). An amusing and satirical alternative to this afternoon's Errol Flynn vehicle. A recruiting-sergeant's daughter prophesies that a successful and heroic future awaits a boastful young man (Gerard Philipe), inducing him to join the army of King Louis XV. To everyone's surprise the young man does rather well for himself. There are many brave deeds, gallant rescues as well as victory over the entire Austrian army and a romantic denouement. Also stars Gina Lollobrigida, Noel Roquevert and Marcel Herrand. In French with English subtitles. Directed by Christian-Jacque. Wales: 3.15 Fanfan La Tulipe 4.50 State of Training
5.05 Rugby Special. Highlights from the Pilkington Cup semi-finals in which Orrell are pitted against Northampton and the favourites Harlequins play host to Nottingham. Introduced by Chris Rea, with commentary by Nigel Starmer-Smith and Alan Wilkins. Wales: 5.40 Sign Extra
6.05 The Clive James *Interview*. Clive James talks to Stephen Jay Gould, Harvard scientist and evolution expert
6.40 Così fan tutte. Like last Monday's *Don Giovanni* this second in the trilogy of Mozart operas based on libretti by Lorenzo Da Ponte was staged by the controversial American director Peter Sellars. Sellars has stated that "a system of contemporary references is essential". The result is that 18th century Naples becomes modern-day small-town America, Don Alfonso (Sanford Sylvan) becomes a Vietnam veteran and Despina (Sue Ellen Kuzma) owner of a coffee shop in Cape Cod. Do not be put off, this is an original and fascinating interpretation. Craig Brown conducts the Vienna Symphony Orchestra and the Arnold Schoenberg Choir



No mercy: Simon Chandler and Donald Sumpter (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: Aimée (1991).
● CHOICE: Lean and balding, Frank (Donald Sumpter) looks like everyone's idea of a television villain, the sort that holds up banks or breaks into security vans. Guy Hibbert's script subverts the stereotype by casting Frank not as an armed robber but the killer of his elderly mother in a nursing home. The puzzle is why he did it but also why he steadfastly refuses to ask for mercy. As he unburdens himself to the repressed vicar's wife (Juliet Stevenson) with whom he stays as he awaits trial, the clues gradually emerge. The biggest is the Aimée of the title, Frank's seven-year-old daughter, who is apparently living with his estranged wife in France. As a psychological drama *Aimée* is pretty transparent and most viewers will guess the truth long before the end. But Sumpter and Stevenson work hard to give the tale credibility and the cathedral city of Salisbury provides an attractive backdrop. (Ceefax)
11.40 DEF II: Rapido. A repeat of last Wednesday's edition with Antoine de Caunes reporting on the latest in popular music. There are features on Ziggy Marley, Lenny Kravitz, David Halliday and *saxophonist Branford Marsalis. Ends at 12.15am*

ITV

6.00 TV-am. Includes, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday. The guests include Labour MP, *Dr Jack Cunningham*
9.25 The Disney Club. With four rhythmic gymnasts in the studio as well as the American group The Party
10.45 Link. Peter White asks representatives of Islam and Buddhism about the attitude of their church towards disability
11.00 Morning Worship from the cathedral church of St Anne in Belfast
12.00 Visions. First in a new series of the religious magazine
12.30 LWT News Weekend presented by Anna Maria Ashe
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 Special Inquiry. Donald MacCormick examines the country's record divorce rate and looks at radical options to protect the next generation. Followed by The Day 2.00 Cartoon Time
2.20 Film: Doctor at Sea (1955). Cheerful British farce starring Dirk Bogarde as Dr Simon Sparrow, who volunteers as a ship's medical officer after fleeing a forced marriage. On board he meets and falls in love with a French beauty (Brigitte Bardot). Directed by Ralph Thomas
4.00 *The London Match. Highlights of one of yesterday's first division* matches involving a leading London club. Plus a history of the 30-year-old League Cup competition
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game with Jim Bowen
6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits the Forest of Dean
7.15 Watching. Romantic sitcom with Paul Bown and Emma Wray as star-crossed lovers Malcolm and Brenda (r)
7.45 The Darling Buds of May.
● CHOICE: H.E. Bates's Larkin family comes to the small screen with the writer's son, Richard Bates, as executive producer, and scripts by the prolific sitcom specialist, Bob Larbey. David Jason, playing a rural version of his Del Boy in *Only Fools and Horses*, is the wheeler-dealer who manages to keep a large family, a 20-acre Kent farm and a Rolls-Royce without apparently doing any work. When an earnest young tax inspector arrives to ask awkward questions, he is swept into the family routine of huge meals and riotous hospitality and soon forgets what he has come for, happy to yield to the attentions of the eldest Larkin daughter. In tonight's opening episode the tax man joke is stretched a little further than it will go but Jason's exuberant playing helps to carry things through. Set in the late Fifties, the series is beautifully photographed in a Kentish countryside permanently bathed in sunshine. (Oracle)
8.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather



Under pressure: Helen Mirren as Jane Tennison (9.05pm)

9.05 Prime Suspect: "G" For Gotcha, George Arthur Marlow.
● CHOICE: Lynda La Plante broke new television ground a few years back with a series, *Widows*, in which the three central *characters, all villains, were women. A woman is at the centre of Prime Suspect*, although this time on the right side of the law. Played by Helen Mirren with a severe haircut and endlessly smoking, Jane Tennison is a detective chief inspector who claims her career has been held back by sex discrimination. When she is given the chance to lead a murder enquiry, her male colleagues do their best to make her life difficult. La Plante also highlights the pressures on Tennison's private life as she tries to do her job and have time for her partner. *Prime Suspect* might be little more than feminist pleading were Tennison's story not grafted on to a gripping police investigation involving a murdered prostitute. The two strands are worked through in a four-hour drama which concludes tomorrow
11.05 Celebration: A Night at the Circus – Runaway to Archaos-Land. Last in the arts series, this week featuring the French circus troup Archaos. Followed by The Day
12.05am The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.05 New Music. Celebrity interviews and pop videos
2.05 Film: Little Darlings (1980). Disarmingly innocent teen movie starring Tatum O'Neal and Kristy McNichol as two virgins competing to be the first to be deflowered while at summer camp. With the boys camp across the lake and Matt Dillon as the prize, both girls are more than eager to win. Directed Ronald Maxwell
3.50 Indy Car Racing. Vancouver Grand Prix
4.50 Pick of the Week. Highlights from the regions
5.20 Backstage. Behind the scenes of Hollywood
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle. Cartoons and *puppets for pre-school viewers 7.30 Footur. The mischievous dog* gets into more scrapes 8.00 Sharkey and Georges. A fishy detective tale 8.30 Betty's Bunch. New children's drama from New Zealand featuring a woman and her four foster children 9.00 California Raisin Show. Classic Fifties songs
9.25 Mahfil. Series on ghazal and qawwali music
10.00 Answering Back. Richard Branson explains the reasoning behind some of his controversial decisions to Mary Goldring (r)
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon series 11.00 Boom! Secrets of a Cornish wildlife sanctuary, and life in Derry are unveiled in the magazine programme for young people (r)
11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western series 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w)
2.00 Film: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (1945, b/w). Poverty struggles with respectability in Elia Kazan's powerful and moving account of a young girl (Peggy Ann Garner) growing up in a New York tenement with her poor Irish family. With Dorothy McGuire and James Dunn
4.25 Walkie Talkie. Scenery and science combine when Muriel Gray interviews James Lovelock, a successful independent scientist (r) 4.55 News summary
5.00 Five from Home. Delightful documentary evoking the sights sounds and smells of Ireland's highly competitive point-to-point racing scene
6.00 The People's Game. Last in the series which has taken a historical dip into the 2,000-year story of football
6.15 Gazza's Soccer School. In the final programme from Paul Gascoigne's coaching school at Wembley Stadium, the focus is on the "Gazza Turn"
6.30 The Wonder Years. Award-winning comedy series about growing up in America during the Sixties



Past protection: RSPB officers with a dead eagle (7.00pm)

7.00 Fragile Earth: The Egg Detectives.
● CHOICE: Stealing eggs from birds' nests has become an international business. Two Germans were caught in Scotland with a Volkswagen van specially adapted to keep the eggs warm until they could be sold into the falconry trade. The men had previously been spotted in Alaska. Not to be outdone, two Britons ventured as far as Finland, only to be filmed in the act of theft and sentenced to six months in prison. In this country a maximum fine of £2,000 is little deterrent to collectors, who happily run up a string of convictions. Many of them belong to the Jourdain Society, which was set up to advance the science of ornithology. Norman Hull's *film features three investigators from the Royal Society for the* Protection of Birds as they employ time-lapse cine cameras, alarmed radio transmitters and other technology against not only collectors but pole trappers, game keepers and taxidermists. (Teletext)
8.00 Maestro: Modernism and the Twentieth Century. Last programme in the series celebrating the history of music in Venice, presented by John Julius Norwich and musicologist H.C. Robbins Landon
9.00 The Media Show. Derek Jarman *talks to Emma Freud about his* latest film, an adaptation of Marlowe's *Edward II*, plus interviews with members of the cast, historian A.L. Rowse and agony aunt Claire Rayner
9.45 Graham Greene: 1904-1991. A tribute to the late writer. Among those contributing are Harold Pinter and Piers Paul Read
10.20 Film: Brighton Rock (1947, b/w) starring Richard Attenborough, Hermione Baddeley and Carol Marsh. A dramatisation of Graham Greene's classic novel, adapted by the author, about a young gang leader who, after killing someone, marries the waitress who provides his alibi. He then decides to get rid of her but his plans do not go as he intended. Directed by John Boulting
12.00 Cinema from Three Continents: Reed Dolls (1981). The three continents are India, Africa and Asia and on this occasion the film is from Morocco. It follows the fate of a young woman who has a brief affair with a stranger after her partner in a forced marriage dies, and for whom tragic consequences are in store (English *subtitles). Directed by Jilali Ferhati. Ends at 1.30am*

VARIATIONS

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HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 West Country Farming 2.00 HTV Newsweek 2.30 The Story of the League Cup 3.40 Film: The Magnet" 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Who's the Boss? 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 The ITV Chart Show 2.00 Festivals of the Far East 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Jimmy's 2.00-2.30 West Country Farming

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming News 2.00 The Story of the League Cup 3.10 Coronation Street 4.05 The Forum Presents: Sarah Vaughan 5.05 The A-Team 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.05 In the Heat of the Night 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.30 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: Flying 55 4.15 The ITV Chart Show 5.05-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm TVS News followed by Agenda 2.00 The Story of the League Cup 3.10 Film: The Mountain 5.05 Magnum 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 12.05 The Human Factor 12.35 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 The Twilight Zone 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Breakthroughs 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00 The Back Page 3.30 Film: Bad Man of Brimstone 5.05 What a Way to Make a Living 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.30 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: Flying 55 4.15 The ITV Chart Show 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 The Story of the League Cup 3.10 Film: Gift Horse 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.30 Funny Farm 2.55 Film: Flying 55 4.15 The ITV Chart Show 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.00 The Story of the League Cup 3.10 Film: The Secret of the Incas 5.05-6.00 Hard Time on *Planet Earth 12.05 Scrumdown 1.05 Pick of* the Week 1.35 The Twilight Zone 2.05 The ITV Chart Show 3.05 Family Theatre 4.05 On the Live Side 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Footur 8.00 Sharkey and Georges 8.30 Betty's Bunch 9.00 Californian Raisin Show 9.25 The Adventures of Tin Tin 9.30 Boom! 10.00 Answering Back 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" 11.45 Gazza's Soccer Skill Show 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 The Three Stooges" 1.20 Acen 1.30 Barw Mawr 2.00 Film: Meet Me After the Show (Betty Grable, Macdonald Carey, Rory Calhoun) 3.35 Rygbi: Castell Nedd v Llanelli 5.25 Get It Together 5.45 Crystal Maze 6.45 A Night at the Show 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Hoi Hwn A Holi Lall 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechreu Canu, Dechreu Canmol 9.00 Dihirod Dyfed 9.45 Ffrinlsu 10.05 The Two Lives of William Byrd 11.00 The Media Show 11.45 Film: Read Dolls (Ahmed Ferhati, Jilali Ferhati, Ahmed Boudoaud) 1.15 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.20am Topics in the History of Mathematics 10.45 Italian Trull in Concert 11.15 Mass 12.00 American Century 12.50 Point Man for God 1.25 Little House on the Prairie 2.15 News followed by A Growing Freedom 2.45 Cartoon 2.55 Film: Quartet 5.00 The Shape of the World 6.00 The *Angelus 6.01 Sbs-Ona Sunday 6.45 Scoot* Amach an Bobstin 7.30 School Around the Corner 8.00 The Cosby Show 8.30 Glanroe 9.00 News 9.25 Bringing it all Back Home 10.25 Henly's People 10.55 Today Tonight Special 11.25 Stay Lucky 12.20 News 12.25 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 12.30pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 1.30 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 2.30 The Zenith Data Systems Cup Final – Live 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Shogun – Part IV 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skybed

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Those Were The Days 10.30 Getaway 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Target 2.30 Our World 3.30 Getaway 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 The Reporters 7.30 Our World 8.30 Target 10.30 *The Reporters 11.30 Our World 12.30am* The Reporters 1.30 Target 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Getaway 4.30 The Reporters

● Via the Marcopolo satellite between 1.30pm and 12.00am:
1.30pm Classical Concert: Peter Schreier Beethoven Recital 4.30 Documentary: Sidney Nolan – Such is Life 7.30 Opera: L'Africaine 10.30 Fucik/Czech Philharmonic Orchestra

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 S.P.Y.S. (1974): Secret agent spoof starring Elliott Gould and Donald Sutherland as two CIA agents
10.00 The Accidental Tourist (1988): Clever comedy-drama starring William Hurt and Geena Davis
12.00 The Gunfighter (1950): Western which centres on the life of a retired gunslinger forced into a final showdown. Stars Gergory Peck
2.00pm Shock Treatment (1981): Sequel of sorts to the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*
3.35 The Best of Carry On Nursing: Highlights and much sexual innuendo from the Carry On team
4.00 Time Bandits (1981): Terry Gilliam's magical visual fantasy about a schoolboy who travels through time
6.00 License to Drive (1988). Teenage comedy drama starring Corey Haim
7.40 Projector
8.00 Batman (1989): Tim Burton's dark interpretation of the cult children's character, with Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson
10.00 The Fly 2 (1989): Eric Stoltz stars as the foster son of unscrupulous tycoon Fly. He soon discovers that his father's motives *for looking after him are less than* honourable
12.00 The Entity (1983): Chilling horror yarn in which a young woman finds herself prey to a terrifying apparition. Stars Barbara Hershey and Ron Silver
2.00am Making Love (1982): Drama starring Harry Hamlin as a husband who admits his homosexuality to his wife (Kate Jackson)
4.00 Frantic (1988): Harrison Ford stars as an American on holiday in Paris whose wife mysteriously disappears. Ends at 5.55am

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.30am Motorcycling Grand Prix of Australia 9.00 Transworld Sport 10.00 Men's European Cup Basketball 11.00 Sunday Alive: Superboats; Estoril Open Tennis; Motorcycling Grand Prix of Australia; World *Championship Ice Hockey; Tour of Flan*ders – Cycle Race 6.00pm World League of American Football 9.00 The Game of Billions 10.00 Motorcycling Grand Prix of Australia 11.00 World Championship Ice Hockey 1.00am Test Match Cricket 2.00 Estoril Open Tennis

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra Satellite.
7.30am Skate America 8.30 Motor Sport Rallycross 9.30 Motorsport British Open Rally 10.00 NHL Ice Hockey 12.00 Stop – USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Powersports International 2.00 Pro Box 4.00 Go 5.00 News 5.30 Motor Sport F3 6.00 Update; Weekend Live Tennis 8.00 Weekend Live Motor Sport IMSA 10.00 Tenpin Bowling 11.15 Major League Baseball 12.15 US Pro Ski Slalom

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00pm Johnny Ringo 12.30 The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores 2.45 Spain International Cuisine 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 Lifestyle Special – Rio de Janeiro Carnival 6.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marco Polo satellite.
12.30pm The King of Jazz (1930, b/w): Footstomping jazz featuring performances from Bing Crosby and John Boles
2.15 Easy Come, Easy Go (1947): Comedy about a lazy Irish gambler. Stars Barry Fitzgerald and Diana Lynn
3.50 Leadbelly (1976): Compelling biopic of a talented blues guitarist. With Roger E. Mosely and Paul Benjamin
6.00 Side by Side (1988): Comedy with Milton Berle, Sid Caesar and Danny Thomas cast as three geriatrics who team up to run a clothing company
8.00 Slamdance (1987): Fast-moving thriller starring Tom Hulce as a cartoonist who is framed by some crooked cops. With Harry Dean Stanton and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio
10.00 Memories of Me (1988): Touching film about a heart surgeon who has a near-death experience which brings him closer to his estranged father. Starring Billy Crystal
11.45 No Mercy (1986). Glossy action adventure starring Richard Gere as an unorthodox cop
1.30am Framed (1974): A man vows revenge on cops who framed him. With Joe Don Baker and Conny Van Dyke. Ends at *3.25am*

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
10.00am Test Match Cricket 11.00 Darts World Champions Challenge 1.00pm Scottish Football Magazine 2.00 Sports Channel Special: Live Italian Football; Live Test Match Cricket, Live British Rugby League 8.15pm Zenith Data Systems Cup Final 10.00 Scottish Football Magazine 11.00 Irish FA Cup Semi Finals 12.00 Test Match Cricket 1.00am Zenith Data Systems Cup Final

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
Twenty hours of rock and pop.

RADIO 3

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Concert: Palestrina ...etrus: Choir of King's ... Cambridge under ...y), Liszt (Les Jeux ...La Villa d' Este: Jorge ...ano); Rossini (String ...n G: Camerata Bern ...in)
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Proms 1990: Mahler ...y No 2, Resurrection
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...: Leslie Forbes talks ...ne Barlow about the ...oving Kindness, the ...rthodox Easter meal
...ert Choice: Haydn ...y No 29 in E); ...uanta); Monteverdi ...sum), Vivaldi ...in D, RV 93): Reich ...Trains)
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...ffair: Music by ...bears: Johann Nicolaus Bach (Mass on Allein Gott in der Höhe); Heinrich Bach (Lamento: Ach, dass ich Wassers genug hätte): Johann Bach (Motet: Unser Leben ist ein Schatten); Johann Cristoph Bach (Motet: Unsers Herzens Freude, Lamentatio: Wie bist du denn, O Gott): Johann Michael Bach (Motets: Sei lieber Tag willkommen; Halt, was du hast!); Georg Christoph Bach (Concerto: Siehe, wie fein und lieblich ist es); J.M. Bach (Concerto: Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ)
5.15 Opera News: introduced by James Naughtie
6.00pm Low Heavens: A celebration of Christian joy at the Resurrection. Britten (Jubilate Deo); Purcell (Jehovah quam multi); Britten (Rejoice in the Lamb); Purcell (Hear My Prayer); Britten (Te Deum in C; Jubilate)
7.00 Ravel: Sonata for violin and cello; Don Quichotte à Dulcinée
7.30 Sunday Play: Don Quixote.
● CHOICE: "This is another fine mess you've got me into." Thus Bob Hoskins's Sancho Panza to Paul Scofield's *Knight of the Doleful* Countenance. And thus do Cervantes's adapters, Nicholas Meyer and Denny Martin, doff their caps to Laurel and Hardy, implicitly acknowledging that they are as imperishable a partnership as the skinny Man of La Mancha whose wits were destroyed by too much romantic literature and the plump peasant who was promised an island for his squiring services. The spirit of Cervantes is captured in Jane Morgan's rumbustious production, though she relies more on explicit breaking of wind than Cervantes did.
9.15 Studio 7 Concert: S. Dodgson (Essay No 4); Patrick Piggott (Piano Concerto, The Quest); John Pickard (Symphony No 2); all world premieres
10.25 In the Footsteps of Brahms: Eugen d'Albert (Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 10); Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Handel, Op 24)
11.20 Webern and Haydn: Webern (Five Movements, Op 4); Handel (Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2) (r)
12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News; Weather 6.10 Prelude with Marjorie Lofthouse (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken, with Stephen Oliver, including Bells on Sunday from Woodeaton Parish Church, Oxfordshire (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm
7.40 Sunday Incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News; 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 Richard Briers speaking for the Week's Good Cause on behalf of an organisation which supports parents whose babies are born unable to swallow 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service Mass from St Francis of Assisi Church, Ely
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: A personal review of the current crop of magazines and periodicals with Anne Speckman
11.30 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: The castaway is author Naomi Mitchison (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: from Wakefield
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Jones by J.C.W. Brook. Two couples innocently experiment with a ouija board, only to find themselves drawn into a unnerving relationship with the spirit of Jones, who died nearly a century before
4.00 News; Analysis: "From Clogs to Clogs?" Peter Hennessy concludes his examination of the origins of Britain's economic under-performance. For a century there has been political debate about industrial regeneration, but does Britain really want to be modernised? Or is it just lack of business as usual? (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy visits the St Andrews Poetry Festival (s)
5.00 News; Coastline: Cliff Michelmore journeys from Poole Harbour to Swanage around Durlston Head to Kimmeridge Bay (last of 3) (s)
5.40 Tales of Earth and Water: Nigel Barley continues his anthropological ramble through Indonesia (2 of 5) (s) *(r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast*
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.15 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs listeners' comments about BBC programmes and policy (r)
6.30 Europhile: Max Easterman looks behind the headlines in the European papers (r)
7.00 In Business: Is Service Included? As the recession starts to bite, where is retailing heading? (s) (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to contemporary novelists Paul Auster, Susan Hill, Maeve Binchey and David Lodge about what motivates an author to write (r)
8.00 Punters: Items on the noise of people eating snacks in the cinema and paperback books that fall apart (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: Further Travels with Henry by Colin Johnson (s)
9.00 News; Treasure Islands introduced by Michael Rosen. What are the ten best children's books ever? Ten experts give their opinion. (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: The violet skipjack's life is under threat by the loss of ancient woodland 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 In Their Element: Air. *Impressions of their chosen* element from a polar explorer, an astronaut, an astronomer, a balloonist, a bird-watcher, kite flyers, a weather forecaster and members of the Red Arrows (s) (r)
11.00 The First Time: Martin Roberts follows three house officers through their first day at Withington Hospital, Manchester (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Francis Grier reflects on stories of women in the Bible (s)
12.00 News
12.20am Weather, followed by interlude 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.44 Close.

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RADIO 1

5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 8.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops 2.30 Phillip Schofield 4.30 UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel

RADIO 2

4.00am David Allen 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don MacLean 9.05 Richard Baker 11.00 Desmond Carrington 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Marking Time (new series) 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 The Musical World of Gillian Humphreys 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour presented by Roger Royle from West Kird Helensburgh 9.00 Allan Keith with "Your Hundred Best Tunes" 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Personal Choice with Edward Heath 1.00 Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: World News and 24 Hours 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Sunday Edition; Incl News & Sport at 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 Sport 9.04 This Family Business with Johnny Walker; incl 10.00 News & Sport 10.30 Education Matters 11.00 News & Sport 11.02 Learn to Earn 11.30 Invitation to Dinner 12.00 News & Sport 12.03pm Open University 12.22 Maths "Transforming Graphs" 12.41 The Transformation of Household Activities 1.00 News and Sport 1.22 Arts "Musical Style" 1.41 Arts Foundation Course 2.00 Sport 202 As Radio 2 3.00 Sport 3.02 As Radio 2 4.00 Sport 4.02 As Radio 2 5.00 Sport 5.02 As Radio 4 6.00 Sport 6.10 Bob Hatton Rattle with James H. Reeve 8.40 Fanshawe On Five 7.20 Open University: Organic Chemistry 7.40 Creative Management 8.00 Mathematic Miscellany 8.20 Arts Review 8.40 The Enlightenment "The Country Seat" 9.00 Soundprint 9.30 Dragnet 10.00 News & Sport 10.10 Across the Line Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00 News & Sport 12.07am Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30 Seeing Stars 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours: News Summary 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On . . . 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Richard Baker 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Seeing Stars 10.30 A Taste of Soul 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 *Mittagsmagazin 11.59* Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 The Ken Bruce Show 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Play of the Week: Damaged Goods 2.00 Newsh



Human tide: thousands of Kurdish refugees fleeing Saddam's repression pour over the mountains to seek sanctuary in Turkey — but an uncertain welcome awaits them in their search for a new homeland

Refugees find haven from the killing

Continued from page 1

hour walk to Zakho with her children, some barefoot and wearing only light shirts. They fled in panic when the shelling began. They were two days struggling through the mountains and a day waiting at the border. "Saddam is the biggest criminal. He is an unbeliever."

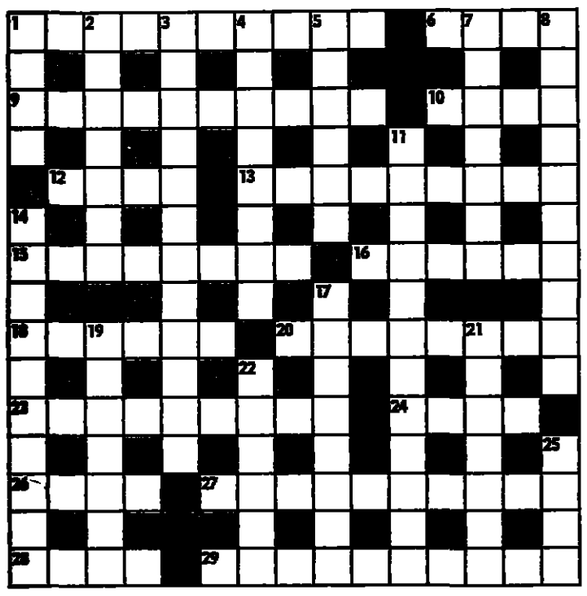
The men in the ward next door tell the same story. Salah Abdullah Ali lies with his leg bandaged to the top of his thigh. He says it was a phospherous bomb, though the doctors at the hospital say none of the injuries was from chemical weapons. He escaped from a hospital in Zakho before it was bombed and said that Iraqi soldiers appeared later and killed doctors, nurses and patients at random. "I saw many dead on the way here," he said. "Tell Bush about it," he implored in Arabic. "Tell him the truth about what happened to us. We must get rid of this dictator." He was carried by friends for six days, his leg festering, his body freezing in the bitter cold of the snowy passes.

Tears well up as he tries to describe what he and his countrymen suffered. But many of the injured seem unable to say exactly when the Iraqis attacked or what they did. An older man in a turban, Omar Yunis Salih, spoke of tanks that rolled into Dahuk, crashing through houses and crushing children under their tracks. "They shot everything with Kalashnikovs. Look," he said pulling back his striped long garment to reveal a bullet wound on his shoulder bone.

The hospital does what it can for the 32 injured refugees who have been brought here. [illegible] more than 5,000ft up, is the only big tow[n] area. Its people, themselves mainly Kur[ds] responded warmly to the refugees pourin[g] the border, sending bread by the truckl[oad] officialdom has been less welcomi[ng] refugees are being kept in emergency ca[mps] prevented from travelling inland.

One woman in the ward said they w[ere] three days on the other side at Cukurca [but] allowed through only because of her in[jury] soldiers kept her family on the other si[de]

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,573



ACROSS

1 Rating effective out from the shore (7-3).
6 River deity (4).
9 Fall out — European capital to lie within range (4,2,4).
10 Left the president, as it were (4).
12 Deer said to take catnaps here (4).
13 Amazed when we entered the vehicle (3-6).
15 Man and master both lose their edge as a result of drinking (8).
16 Flounder, perhaps, caught in the end (6).
18 Having broken a rule, seed No. 1 is to retire (6).
20 Fright caused by neuralgia (4-4).
23 Completely devoured by piggish creature (9).
24 Catch on a little branch (4).
26 Indian scalped a party (4).
27 Film-maker's yield wasn't extraordinary (4,6).
28 You will say it's a feast (4).
29 Calls for help seen to with difficulty (10).

DOWN

1 Food — take a different course (4).
2 Verbal attack shedding light on hidden love (7).
3 Where Philippides excelled ultimately (2,3,4,3).
4 Become a success and travel (2,6).
5 Note the gun lock (6).
7 A sort of litmus — one to cause reactions (7).
8 Burglar takes the fakes in error (5-5).
11 To do well, sit flush astride the cycle (6,2,4).
14 The kind of insurance needed by Liberal Democrats? (5-5).
17 Inventor given protection — a shelter, in pieces, oddly (8).
19 Shrink, having to hear confession, listens to start with (7).
21 A lot of hair beginning to grow in the place hair grows on (7).
22 One engaged in talk that's appropriate (6).
25 Several votes, or just one? (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,572

A	R	T	I	F	I	C	E	R		R	A	B
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Solution to Puzzle No 18,567

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PARKER DUOFOLD

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Name/Address.....

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HOW TO PARSE

By Philip Howard

TEGMEN
a. An advance guard
b. A coat or covering
c. The Ottoman legal code

PLUVIOUS
a. Weeping
b. Ensuing after
c. Rainy

JEREMIAD
a. A group of Yuppies
b. A lament or complaint
c. A double-sculled whiff

RECREANT
a. Having or giving fun
b. Unfaithful or cowardly
c. Making new

Answers on page 11

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

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TONIGHT'S TIDES

TODAY
London 1.41 pm to 6.24 am
Bristol 7.31 pm to 6.34 am
Edinburgh 8.00 pm to 6.29 am
Manchester 7.52 pm to 6.29 am
Penzance 8.01 pm to 6.47 am

Concise Crossword, page 11

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: G J Bowis, Harrington Road, Brighton, Sussex; D S Gordon, Woodlands Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex; D Marriage, Netherhill Cottage, Botley, Southampton; M McDonell, Wood Lane, Bearwood, Dorset; J Brass, Fledborough Road, Wetherby, West Yorkshire

WEATHER

Early rain in Northern Ireland, west Wales and south-west England will spread to most other areas by the end of the day. The rain will be followed by broken cloud and blustery showers, this clearer weather reaching the whole of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and southern Scotland by midnight. Winds will become strong everywhere, with gales in parts of the South and West. Outlook: blustery showers

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alacdo	18	64	c	Majorca	15	59	f
Alcrotrl	18	64	s	Malaga	17	63	f
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	19	66	c
Algiers	15	59	f	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Amst'dm	9	48	r	Miami*	28	82	c
Athens	18	61	s	Milan	10	50	c
Bahrain	25	77	r	Montreal*	13	55	s
Barbads*	25	77	r	Moscow	11	52	f
Barcelna	15	59	s	Munich	8	46	c
Belgrade	19	66	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	14	57	f	Naples	13	55	c
Bermuda*	19	66	f	N Delhi	31	88	s
Biarritz	8	46	c	N York*	16	61	s
Borde'x	7	45	f	Nice	8	46	r
Brussels	9	48	c	Oslo	6	43	c
Budapst	16	61	s	Paris	10	50	c
B Aires*	21	70	s	Peking	20	68	s
Cairo	22	72	s	Perth	31	88	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	12	54	f
C'blanca	17	63	f	Reykjavik	-1	30	s
Ch'church	18	61	f	Rhodes	17	63	s
Cologne	13	55	f	Rio de J	25	79	s
C'phagn	9	48	f	Riyadh	39	102	f
Corfu	17	63	s	Rome	14	57	r
Dublin	9	48	c	Salzburg	9	48	c
Dubrownik	14	57	f	S P'laco*	16	61	s
Faro	16	61	f	Santiago*	23	84	s
Florence	12	54	r	S Paulo*	20	68	d
Frankfurt	11	52	c	Seoul	15	59	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Sing'por	31	88	s
Geneva	8	46	c	St'kholm	9	48	f
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	12	54	f
Helsinki	10	50	c	Sydney	22	72	f
Hong K	20	68	c	Tangier	18	61	f
Innsbrck	11	52	r	Tel Aviv	18	64	c
Istanbul	13	55	f	Tenerife	19	66	c
Jeddah	29	84	s	Tokyo	17	63	s
Karachi	33	91	s	Tunis	14	57	c
L Palmas	18	64	c	Valencia	17	63	s
Le Touqt	11	52	f	Venc'ver*	10	50	f
Lisbon	15	59	f	Venice	13	55	d
Locarno	12	54	s	Vienna	16	64	s
L Angels*	24	75	s	Warsaw	17	63	s
Luxembg	9	48	f	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
Luxor	34	93	s	Wel'nton	19	66	s
Madrid	12	54	f	Zurich	9	48	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Thursday: day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Glenlivet, Grampian, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, Kintyre, 0.83 in; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall, 9 hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.008 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.4	.48	6	43	rain
Anglesey	7.4	.25	10	50	hail
Belfast	4.1	.28	9	48	shower
Birmingham	3.1	.19	11	52	shower
Blackpool	4.8	.02	12	54	shower
Bournemouth	5.7	.19	12	54	sunny
Brighton	2.0	.20	9	48	rain
Bristol	5.3	.28	11	52	rain
Cardiff	6.1	.15	11	52	shower
Cromer	1.5	.05	9	48	shower
Edinburgh	4.5	.05	12	54	shower
Exmouth	5.2	.40	11	52	hail
Falmouth	9.0	.46	11	52	shower
Folkestone	1.7	.14	8	46	rain
Poole	5.4	.31	12	54	rain
Sandown	4.8	.01	11	52	sunny
Scarborough	2.2	.14	8	46	rain

Thursday's figures are latest available

TIDES

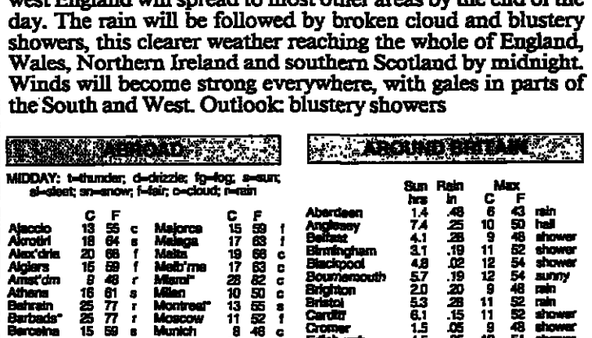
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London Bridge	6.50	6.2	6.58	6.2
Aberdeen	6.11	3.4	7.05	3.2
Avonmouth	11.45	10.2	11.59	9.8
Devonport	10.23	4.4	10.55	4.5
Dover	3.38	5.5	4.07	5.4
Falmouth	9.53	4.2	10.25	4.3
Glasgow	5.51	4.0	5.46	3.7
Harwich	4.38	3.3	4.45	3.2
Holyhead	3.09	4.6	3.44	4.2
Portsmouth	4.20	3.9	5.00	3.8
Shoreham	3.38	5.0	4.16	4.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

CURRENCIES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.36	2.21
Austria Sch	21.90	20.60
Belgium Fr	63.95	59.95
Canada $	2.18	2.03
Denmark Kr	11.90	11.20
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.94
France Fr	10.47	9.82
Germany Dm	3.10	2.90
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	14.60	13.60
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.08
Italy Lira	2315	2175
Japan Yen	268.50	241.50
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.275
Norway Kr	12.07	11.37
Portugal Esc	269.50	253.50
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.26	10.58
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.45
Turkey Lira	7250	6450
USA $	1.875	1.75
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

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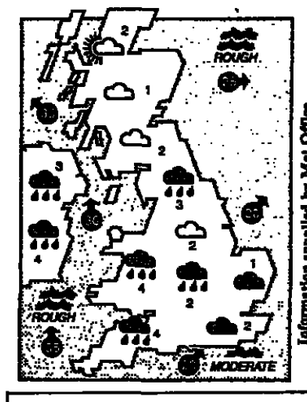


TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	6.28 am	7.41 pm		6.24 am	7.43 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	2.43 am	10.09 am		3.19 am	11.14 am

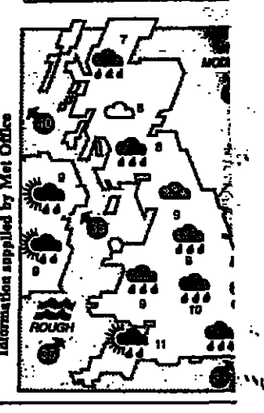
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Defence contractors to be given greater freedom



McIntosh: jobs to go

By Ross Tieman
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DEFENCE contractors are to be given a freer hand in developing products and managing programmes, according to the new chief of defence procurement.

Malcolm McIntosh, an Australian who took over the helm at British industry's biggest customer last month, indicated that he expects to continue the trend set by Sir Peter Levene, his forerunner, towards a more market-oriented buying policy.

Whatever the outcome of the *Options for Change* defence review, Dr McIntosh's policies, exercised through purchases totalling £8 billion a year, will have a forceful impact on many British companies.

Placing Ministry of Defence work under private companies' control may modestly cushion contractors from reduced government arms purchases. But it will lead to accelerated job losses among the procurement executive's 33,000 staff. Dr McIntosh said: "I do not want to be drawn on how many jobs will go."

His executive is planning to relocate 3,500 Ministry of Defence staff in London and the Southeast to Keynsham, near Bristol, producing savings of £50 million a year. Subdepartments are also being reshaped along commercial lines as defence support agencies, with inbuilt pressures to contain costs.

During his first press interview since assuming control, the former head of Australia's defence procurement agency said industry would have to be given more information if it was to take increased responsibility for programmes. He expected that a handful of prime contractors might emerge, relying upon a broad spread of sub-contractors.

As computer software assumes an increasingly critical role in weapon performance, systems companies might increasingly be considered for the prime role, but only if they were commercially robust.

However, he had little time for artificial consortia. "We want to deal with a real entity of real substance," he said.

Dr McIntosh said weapon buyers would focus increasingly on the whole life cost of defence systems, including maintenance and refurbishment costs as well as the original purchase price in their calculations.

Companies will be asked to take more responsibility for quality and reliability.

Under his management, the Australian procurement agency contracted to obtain training aircraft on the basis of hours of availability. The contractor had control over the number of planes and maintenance.

Dr McIntosh said that although such a technique might be inappropriate for combat planes, the deal could provide a model for wider application.

The new chief took pains to dismiss early industry fears that he had close links with American arms makers that might lead to accelerated overseas purchasers. He said he already knew the British arms industry better. He has undertaken a tour of UK defence contractors. Some were excellent, others were not, he said.

Jobless rate in US leaps to four-year high

By Colin Narbrough, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE American unemployment rate surged to 6.8 per cent last month, its highest for more than four years, putting pressure on the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates further. About 2 million Americans have joined the dole queue since last summer.

The dollar dropped immediately on release of the figures but started to climb later after bottoming out at about DM1.6550.

A rise of 410,000, or 0.3 per cent, in civilian jobless last month was far worse than Wall Street economists had expected and gave little support to the administration's hopes that the economy will recover by mid-year.

The rise, the fifth monthly increase in a row, indicated companies were continuing to shed labour heavily, despite the improvement in consumer and business confidence after the end of the Gulf war.

Analysts were disturbed by the sharp revision to the February figures, which now give a 290,000 rise in the numbers of jobless, against the 185,000 initially reported.

The labour department figures showed a 206,000 fall in payrolls in March, the sixth successive month of job-cutting, marking the worst decline in the labour market since the 1980-1 recession. Unemployment could continue rising until well after the economy has started to recover, with some analysts predicting that a further 500,000 will become jobless.

Angus Armstrong, economists at Morgan Grenfell, said recovery is not likely before the third quarter and will only be modest when it comes. Manufacturing, construction and the retail and wholesale trades accounted for most of the March job losses, as they have for most of the recession. The latest weekly data, showing a 33,000 surge in unemployment benefit applicants, signalled a further deterioration.

Janet Norwood, of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, said the decline that has affected manufacturing jobs for more than two years was spreading to the service sector. She noted that those with jobs were working almost an hour less a week than last summer.

Jobs losses in car manufacturing and the metal industry have started to moderate, but large declines are still hitting publishing, rubbers and plastics.

Although the figures increased the pressure on the Fed to ease, it could be waiting until Friday's March consumer price figures for fresh guidance on inflation.

After a volatile day, the dollar ended in London at its best, as late buying orders appeared and dealers scrambled to avoid being caught short of dollars going into the weekend. The possibility of a cut in American interest rates failed to undermine sentiment for the currency.

The pound had a fairly good day to end a good week, ignoring the government's poor showing in the Neath by-elections and underpinned by Germany holding its interest rates unchanged.

With sterling second from top in the European exchange-rate mechanism, market pressure is building for a fresh cut in British interest rates, possibly as early as Friday when the March inflation figures are published. Money market rates eased, with three-month interbank rates 3⅛ lower at 12¼.

At the London close, the pound was 45 points down against the dollar at $1.7790, having touched $1.80. Sterling gained almost three quarters of a pfennig to DM2.9810. The pound's trade-weighted index finished 0.1 higher at 92.8. The dollar, closed three quarters of a pfennig higher at DM1.6740.

☐ Industry orders in former West Germany fell a provisional 5.1 per cent in February after a 3.6 per cent rise in January, official figures showed. Domestic orders were 5 per cent lower in February, while foreign orders dropped 4.5 per cent.

JULIAN HERBERT



Moving up: the Telegraph's building at South Quay, flanked by its new Docklands home, the Canary Wharf tower

O&Y carrot carries £40m price tag

By Matthew Bond

OLYMPIA & York paid the Daily Telegraph group £40 million for its five-year-old headquarters building on the Isle of Dogs in London's Docklands. Buying the building was the largest element in a package of inducements that persuaded the Telegraph group to move to O&Y's nearby Canary Wharf development. The price O&Y paid is revealed in the Telegraph's latest report and accounts.

The Telegraph bought its 103,000 sq ft building at South Quay for about £25 million in 1986. However, its total book cost according to the accounts was £32.2 million before depreciation.

The Telegraph, which moved to Docklands in 1987, is still in phase one on South Quay, but of the matching buildings next door, phase 2 is still letting and phase 3 went into receivership last year. Phase 2, owned by Rosehaugh, is more than three-quarters let after a three-year marketing campaign. Phase 3, which was bought from the receiver this year, is available for letting at just £10 a sq ft, the lowest rent for new offices in London.

At £40 million, the price of the Telegraph building is almost £390 a sq ft. At their peak, rents for non-Canary Wharf Docklands office property were £20 a sq ft, indicating a theoretical yield for O&Y of 5.1 per cent. At £10 a sq ft, the initial yield would be 2.6 per cent.

The company will from autumn occupy floors 11-15 rather than floors 7-11, as announced last year.

Olympia & York has included several inducements to other firms to let the first stages of Canary Wharf, including significant rent-free periods and some fitting-out costs, and even boats to reduce the impact of transport problems.

The Telegraph, however, as a Docklands pioneer, has already invested in its own water-borne transport.

European banks in £300m link

By Neil Bennett, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

COMMERZBANK and Crédit Lyonnais, two of Europe's largest banks, are poised to announce a £300 million cross-shareholding to cement a co-operation agreement.

The deal is the latest move by continental banks to exploit the single European market.

Commerzbank is expected to take a 7 per cent stake in Lyonnais, worth Fr1.2 billion at market prices, while the state-controlled French bank will buy a 10 per cent holding in Commerzbank, valued at DM600 million.

Both banks have refused to comment on their plans for a cross-holding but Walter Seipp, Commerzbank's chairman, said in February that negotiations about a cross-holding were proceeding well.

Reports in the French press predict an announcement on Wednesday when Commerzbank publishes its results for 1990.

The cross-holding will cement a long-standing relationship between the two banks. Both have been members of Europartners, a loose confederation of banks, since 1971.

Commerzbank has already taken a cross-holding with one other member of Europartners, Banco Hispano Americano in Spain. Commerzbank holds 10 per cent of BHA, which in turn owns 5 per cent of the German bank.

The two banks co-operate closely in their European property lending business, and have issued joint credit cards for business travellers.

If the deal is approved, Commerzbank will hold the only voting shares in Lyonnais not controlled by the French government.

Revenue may win £350m windfall

By Lindsay Cook, MONEY EDITOR

THE Inland Revenue will receive a windfall payment of an extra £350 million unless all non-taxpayers register for gross interest on their savings, the Treasury has admitted.

Composite rate tax (CRT) is abolished from today. Previously the tax on savings was deducted at source and could not be reclaimed by non-taxpayers.

CRT has been replaced by basic rate tax that need not be paid by non-taxpayers and can be claimed back by them if it is deducted. However, the 15 million non-taxpayers have to register for gross payment of interest and the Inland Revenue estimates that only half have done so. This means that the others will have basic rate tax deducted and will not be able to reclaim it until next April 6.

At Abbey National, 1.1 million savers have registered for gross interest. This is about one eighth of its savers. The bank estimates a quarter probably qualify for gross interest.

Because the full 15 million will not be registered by the time interest is paid on savings accounts, banks and building societies will deduct hundreds of millions of pounds in tax from non-taxpayers.

The Treasury puts the figure at £350 million, but it could be higher if the Inland Revenue estimates that about 7 million non-taxpayers are now registered is wrong.

In 1989-90, £3.7 billion was paid by building societies in composite rate tax. In the same year the banks handed over £703 million.

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A Pifco start to the day

By Matthew Bond

IF THERE were a monopoly on the getting-up-in-the-morning market then Pifco, the electrical goods group, would be assured of a referral to the monopolies commission.

Its £7.75 million purchase of Russell Hobbs Tower from the administrators of Polly Peck International has given Pifco a full range of products to help the man or woman who has everything tread the often difficult early morning path from warm bed to front door.

Pifco man's day starts, perhaps, with a Carmen Man clean shave, or perhaps a quick session with the cordless beard trimmer. His clothes are meanwhile enjoying similar pampering, thanks to the Carmen heated trouser press and Pifco steam iron. However, even new age man will wonder what a Pifco clothes shaver supreme does.

Pifco woman has a similar brand-laden start to the day. Having kick-started the day with a quick cup of instant coffee brewed with the help of the Worldwide mini boiler, she makes it to the bathroom, where Carmen's curling tongs and hairdryer ensure her crowning glory starts the day in peak condition. If she's feeling particularly brave, she might risk a session with her Carmen Emjoi, the latest in electrical depilators.

But it is when Pifco men and women reach the kitchen that the real benefits of the Russell Hobbs Tower purchase become clear. With Russell Hobbs on board, Pifco will for the first time enter the kettle market. Michael Webber, the chairman, has been anxious to fill this hole in his range for some time. Pifco was the under-bidder to Polly Peck when it bought Russell Hobbs Tower in 1987.

While Pifco man reaches for the kettle and his first cup of tea, Pifco woman has a choice. Does she use her Salton *cappuccinatore* or one of the the newly acquired Russell Hobbs coffee makers? Having already had one dose of caffeine, she reaches instead for her Salton yoghurt maker, while Pifco man boils an egg in the Tower non-stick saucepan.

Mr Webber is delighted with the new brands the acquisition brings on board, and the price, which involved Polly Peck writing off some £40 million of debt. Yesterday he pointed out that at £7.75 million, the purchase price was at a 45 per cent discount to Russell Hobbs Tower's year-end net asset value of £14.3 million.

There is of course a reason for the discount. Unaudited figures show Russell Hobbs Tower made pre-tax losses of £8.8 million on sales of £37 million. He is confident that the company can be turned around, and plans to retain manufacturing at the company's Wolverhampton plant, where 650 staff are employed.

No corporate recovery is easy, but when the going gets tough Mr Webber can always relax with his Carmen deep heat massager, or the Pifco foot massager.

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Soviet oil production expected to fall by 6%

By MARTIN BARROW

SOVIET oil production, suffering as a consequence of a decaying infrastructure, is expected to decline by another 6 per cent to less than 11 million barrels per day, according to forecasts by the International Energy Agency.

Unofficial production estimates suggest a fall in output of between 8 and 9 per cent during the first quarter of this year as the Soviet Union, still the world's largest oil producer, struggles with the problems posed by a lack of foreign currency and spare parts.

Consumption is also falling sharply in the Soviet Union, according to the IEA, which represents the interests of the principal oil consumers. Demand fell from 8.8 million barrels per day in 1989 to less than 8.4 million barrels per day last year, a fall of 5 per cent, which is close to the expected rate of decline in industrial output and gross domestic product.

By contrast the IEA expects Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries' oil consumption this year to remain unchanged compared to last year, at 37.5 million barrels per day, in spite of the improving economic outlook. An increase in Europe and a smaller increase in the Pacific basin are expected to be offset by a decline in demand in North America.

Demand in North America fell by 5.7 per cent to 18.7 million barrels per day last year and by a further 2 per cent in the first quarter of this year. Seasonal variations disguise the real rate of decline, because the first quarter of last year was extremely mild compared with the winter just ended. For the current quarter, the IEA forecasts another fall of 2 per cent to around 18.5 million barrels per day.

Crude production by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries rose marginally from 23 million barrels per day in February to 23.2 million barrels per day in March. In mid-March Opec members said they would produce 22.3 million barrels per day in the second quarter, but the success of the newly restored output quotas is not yet known.

Saudi Arabian output was little changed at 8.3 million barrels per day in March, in excess of sale commitments of 8 million barrels per day. Since the end of January, Saudi unsold stocks afloat have declined slightly, indicating that overseas stocks are being drawn more quickly than they are being replenished.



Provisions for debts: Roy Bishko of Tie Rack

Tie Rack provision

TIE Rack, the specialist retailer where Roy Bishko is chairman, will make a provision in its annual results for the debts of some of its franchisees who have become over-extended. Tie Rack has taken over their shops.

The provisions are significant but are thought to be less than £1 million. The group, which is in its closed period, denied that it was engaged in a rescue plan to save franchisees from collapse. Out of 142 shops in Britain and the Irish Republic, the group has taken over the operation of 19 shops run by eight franchisees.

Mr Bishko said: "We will not support franchisees we consider unsatisfactory." The group now has 88 shops run by 58 franchisees. The rest are owned and run by Tie Rack. The shares fell 2p to 30p.

BPP seeks £12.3m to boost growth

By MICHAEL TATE
CITY EDITOR

BPP Holdings, the education and training group, is asking its shareholders for £12.35 million via a one-for-four rights issue at 255p a share. BPP's shares eased 5p to 305p after the news.

Richard Price, the BPP chairman, said the funds would be used to finance acquisitions and to accelerate development of the existing operations, through investment in new schools.

BPP, whose activities include language training, professional and academic education and related publishing, has established an unbroken record of growth in turnover and profits since its flotation in March 1986, achieving annual compound growth of 24 per cent.

It is currently capitalised at £60 million against £4.4 million five years ago.

Mr Price said this year had started well, although the Linguarama division had begun slowly, reflecting the economic downturn.

However, the group depends heavily on its sales performance in September and October, the start of the new academic season.

Mr Price said acquisition discussions with a number of potential vendors were taking place.

Disastrous contracts hit Conder

By MATTHEW BOND

TWO disastrous contracts entered into by Conder's wall cladding subsidiary, Elemeta, have continued to devastate profits at the construction group. In the year to end-December, it plunged to a pre-tax loss of £19.3 million (£10.4 million profit).

Conder has decided not to pay a final dividend (2p) although an interim of 0.3p was paid (1.2p). Both cladding contracts were for City office developments. One was a block known as One America Square; the other was one of the later phases of the Broadgate complex, next to Liverpool Street station. Christopher Stewart-Smith, Conder chief executive, said that Elemeta had contributed a £22 million operating loss.

The contracts "were taken on just before we took over Elemeta in February 1988. There was great competition in the City development market. As a result both contracts were taken on at prices that were considerably lower than than they should have been. Technically, they were also much more difficult than people appreciated," he said.

Conder's figures are dominated by Elemeta's losses, but it has also run into problems elsewhere as the construction industry slides deeper into recession.

The downturn has hit its structural steel business particularly hard and 200 staff have been made redundant.

The company has mothballed its modular building business, where pre-completed units are simply dropped into place on a building's steel framework.

The damage to Conder's balance sheet has been limited by two sales last month, when Conder sold a 61 per cent stake in its garage forecourt business for an initial £15.5 million and sold four properties for £3.2 million. Following the disposals, a pro forma balance sheet will show gearing at about 32 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Property losses trim Johnston to £5.8m

LOSSES of almost £1.7 million in the property division, against a contribution of £536,000, reduced profits at Johnston Group, the civil and mechanical engineer, to £5.86 million before tax in 1990, against £7.32 million. Earnings fell from 40.33p a share to 30.43p, prompting the company to maintain the dividend at 8.5p, making an unchanged 13p.

Although the fall in reported profits was 20 per cent, comparable figures for 1989 were depressed by exceptional charges of £613,000 that were not repeated last year. However, the company's three main operating divisions performed well in difficult trading conditions. The core civil engineering and road maintenance division contributed profits of £1.66 million (£1.92 million). Profits from civil engineering supplies were £4.45 million (£4.88 million). Engineering and hydraulics contributed £1.38 million (£107,000).

Cronite shares halted

SHARES in Cronite Group, the Birmingham processor of nickel alloys and steel stockholder, were suspended at 12p after its auditors were called in to investigate "irregularities" at two of its subsidiaries, Cronite Alloys, the metal merchants, and Abtex, the fire extinguisher company. The company said in a statement the irregularities will "materially reduce the results previously expected for the current year".

Pittencrieff up to £2m

PITTENCRIEFF, the oil and gas production and services concern floated on the stock market last July, reported taxable profits of £2.03 million last year (£707,956). Earnings rose to 14.01p a share (11.37p). A final dividend of 2.5p a share makes a total of 4.5p. No dividend was paid in 1989. Oil and gas activities earned gross profits of £1.97 million while communications contributed £618,717.

Merlin 'needs £1m'

PETER Jevans, chief executive of Merlin International Properties, believes he has until the end of this month to secure the financial future of his ailing property company.

The company's immediate future is threatened by Security Pacific, says Mr Jevans. SecPac has a £6.9 million loan outstanding on a retail park owned by a Merlin subsidiary. SecPac wants repayments in full and is not prepared to wait for the property to be sold. Mr Jevans says the company needs at least £1 million to meet SecPac's demands.

Losses climb at Ingham

PRE-TAX losses more than doubled from £95,538 to £223,472 last year at George Ingham, a Halifax textiles processor. Turnover was £5.1 million (£5.3 million). Hostile conditions and falling wool prices were blamed. The final dividend remains unchanged at 2p, making a same-again 3p. David Courtman, the chairman, said that trading in the current year was "encouraging".

Philips warns on recovery

SHARES in Philips, the troubled Dutch electronics company, fell by 60 cents to Fl 29.40 (£8.77) after the company gave warning that its recovery might be delayed. Philips still expects to make a profit this year, however, after last year's record Fl 4.2 billion loss. It is hoping its traditional lighting business will receive a boost with the launch of a lighting system in May.

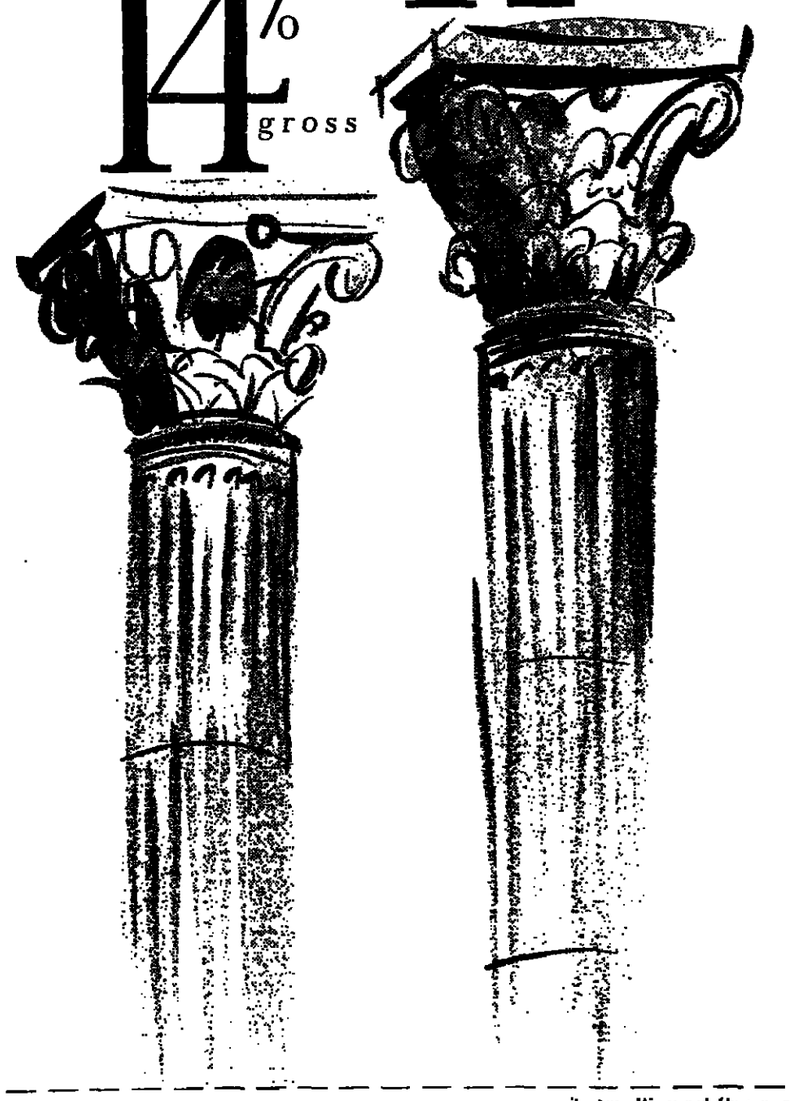
Cooper Clarke falls 7p

COOPER Clarke Group, the Unlisted Securities Market quoted building products distributor, expects to make a loss this year, blamed largely on a past acquisition. The company has announced the resignation of Robert Ashby, the chairman and John Anderson, the finance director. Cooper Clarke proposes to raise £1.52 million through a three-for-two rights issue at 15p a share, to reduce group borrowings. Shares lost 7p to 26p. The group forecasts that pre-tax losses will not be more than £275,000 in the year to end-April and there will be extraordinary charges of not more than £550,000.

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EC plans to break energy monopolies

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE European Commission proposes to break national energy monopolies in Europe, according to Sir Leon Brittan, the vice president of the commission. The move will almost certainly lead to a large-scale dispute with the majority of European governments, which are intent to resist such intervention.

Sir Leon told the Engineering Employers Association in Sheffield that the commission plans to issue directives forcing national governments to remove national monopolies.

European monopolies remain most entrenched in the areas of energy. Sir Leon said: "There is no reason why only one company per country should be able to import and export electricity and gas. Legal action, which we have just started, will lead to further moves to open up competition in the industries concerned by making provision for rights to trade across borders, and indeed within countries."



Sir Leon: further moves

Sir Leon promised "a dual track policy" under which the liberalisaton of the energy market will be accompanied by the harmonisation of standards to facilitate the transfer.

BT aims to join world network

By OUR EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom (DBT), the German telecommunications operator, confirmed yesterday that they are in talks towards creating the first truly international telecommunications group. The venture is also likely to include Nippon Telegraph and Telephone of Japan (NTT).

A spokesman for BT said: "We have long studied the market of corporate communication networks and we are indeed in discussion with NTT and DBT, but these discussions are at a very early stage." Separately, a spokesman for DBT in Bonn added that the discussion included a number of other international telecommunications groups.

It is envisaged that the three companies will form the core of a network working as the international subcontractor to local operators, covering the world's three largest markets, America, Europe and Japan.

If the deal comes off, the group will instantly establish itself as the world dominant international telecoms operator, allowing customers such as multinational companies, banks and trading houses to deal with a single operator worldwide. In America, the consortium is likely to be led by BT which already has an operating subsidiary there.

Although details have yet to be worked out, it is thought the new company, codenamed Pathfinder, will have BT as the largest, though not dominant; shareholder.

The joint venture would also mark the first significant deal for DBT since its establishment as a bona fide company last year. Although still 100 per cent state-owned, it operates as an ordinary company under German law, allowing it to engage in deals without having to refer to the Germany's postal ministry.

Tubular decides to refinance

By PHILIP PANGALOS

TUBULAR Edgington Group, formerly Tubular Exhibition Group, which specialises in steel barriers and exhibition stands, has unveiled substantial interim losses, along with restructuring and refinacing proposals designed "to ensure the group's future as a viable business".

The company plans to appoint David Gordon as executive chairman, replacing Sir David Ewin, and David Fox as finance director, replacing Michael Nemko.

The group is planning a series of measures to ease its crippling debts of about £12.2 million. Tubular is making a three-for-one open offer to raise £1.9 million through the issue of 215.7 million ordinary shares at 1p per share. The shares lost 1p to 1¾p.

Midland Bank will convert debts of £6.25 million into convertible preference shares, and Trusthouse Forte will subscribe to £3 million in warrants. Tubular plans to issue 200 million ordinary shares at 1p each to HIT Investments and the new executives, raising £2 million

The group dived to a pre-tax loss of £5.78 million in the six months to end-January (£975,000 loss). Turnover increased to £4.77 million (£3.17 million).

The loss per share deepened to 8.10p (0.93p loss). There is no dividend.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Computers in crisis

"One by one, the lights of Europe's major computer companies are flickering and going out. ICL and Apricot have been sold off. Bull is in deep financial trouble. Philips, Siemens/Nixdorf and Olivetti are struggling. Tens of thousands of jobs have been lost."

Business – The Sunday Times tomorrow

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Entrepreneur too old to play the foolish virgin

BUSINESS PROFILE
By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

Richard Branson

...sperated friends fear the drive ...at built the Branson empire ...uld be its creator's downfall

Richard Branson, the Virgin tycoon, is quite certain he does not want to die. He ...ed every one of his ...ned years, he says. ...r he was listed as 17th richest person, ...y to becoming a ...e, and he is probably ...than the 16 who ...im.

...aving narrowly es- ...eath twice, he is ...ng courting it for a ...ue by attempting a ...-world flight in a balloon in November. ...n lends himself to ...ing. It is easy to ...him as a bearded with a Sixties' ...y, a gauche style and ...nt for hair-brained ...es. But the proposed ...al balloon trip has ...anson's friends and ...ho are attempting to ...out of it.

...n's father, Edward, ... he is particularly ... who has supported ...ractically everything ...e so far, recently sat ... tried to examine his ...ives for undertaking ...at some consider is ... foolhardy.

...liscussion was in- ...e but has obviously ...pact on Branson. He ...with his shoelaces ...king about it; no ... as he is also driving ... blue Bristol down ... at 70mph to his retreat in Oxford- ...

...her pointed out that ...tunate to have sur- ... Atlantic and the ...lloon crossings and ...think there was any ...oushing my luck one ...e," says Branson, ...its he is unclear as to ...notives for doing it. ... not made the final ...n the trip, but adds ...uld take more cour- ... no than yes. ... the kind of talk that ...perated his friends ...ves. What makes the ... death odds more ...acked this time, is ...nson's ballooning ...he ice-cool Swede, ...trand, will not be ...e next trip will be ...ted partners, one of ... American and the ...ian.

...ific crossing, which ... January, went ...ly wrong after the ...st half its fuel and ... 2,500 miles off ... the Arctic. ...st 1,000 miles were ...t and extremely ...g. The next 5,000 ... sheer terror when I ...k I was going to ...e. ...lmost nightmarish. ... no way we could ...use you just don't ... think it's your last ... We both experi- ...rrible visions of ...he problem for ... that he cannot ...llenge. If someone ... gauntlet down in ...on he does not ...uick it up. He reacts ...e. Once he has ... particular chall- ...atter how whacky, ...nse of duty, of not



JOHN MANNING

High flyer: Branson relaxes with his son, Sam, but his own father worries that his next exploit, round the world in a balloon, may be his last

If anything he has become more relaxed.

He enjoys the fame. "The only time it is a drawback is if I take my kids, Holly and Sam, to a fairground and they end up between my legs cowering from the hordes of people thrusting scrappy bits of paper at me to sign," he says.

This lack of privacy extends to his home life. There is a seamless flow between work and home. The Holland Park mansion accommodates an office. People wander in and out and the phone rings constantly.

Mick Brown, Branson's biographer, says: "There is no division between work and home because he is never not working." Even floating at 35,000 feet beneath a balloon the size of the Albert Hall provides little escape. The gin's use of off-shore tax havens, albeit legitimate ones, and his London nightclub, Heaven, has been beset by tales of drugs.

His brief flirtation with the Stock Exchange and the subsequent reprivatisation of Virgin was portrayed as a personal temper tantrum, though the move out of the stock market was a triumph of timing and envied by many public company chairmen. Even his acts of kindness are open to criticism. His shipping of supplies to Jordanian refugees before the Iraq War was misinterpreted, much to his chagrin.

The over-exposure makes people suspicious of his motives. It is easy to imagine him as a calculating person, but Brown insists there is no side to him. "He is utterly consistent. He is good at winning people over and has a friendly, conspiratorial style."

It is unlikely that if the Mr Nice Guy image was a sham, Branson would have survived for so long or so well.

The mainstay in his unconventional life is his family. He is close to his parents and says he is more like his mother, Eve, a former dancer, glider pilot and air hostess.

"I expect she will outlive me," says Branson. "The women in my family live forever." It was she who refused to let Branson and his two younger sisters, Lindy and Vanessa, sit in front of the television, pushing them instead to do things for themselves. His father he describes as unambitious, a reluctant lawyer who wanted to be an archaeologist.

"He's a very loving person. Always has a twinkle in his eye, always loves the women."

His childhood was a happy one, with memories of fishing with his father and holidaying in Devon. He comes from a reasonably well-off middle class family and was educated at Stowe. Although good at sport, he did not shine academically.

When a leg injury stopped him competing in games, he decided to produce a magazine called *Student*. Stowe gave him the option of staying at school or continuing the magazine. He chose the latter. The decision prompted his headmaster to remark that Branson would either go to prison or become a millionaire. His father, although sceptical at first, was supportive. He had been pushed into a career he did not enjoy and did not want to repeat the mistake. His mother sold a ring to raise £500 to finance the first edition.

The confidence of these early days, when he was firing off letters to Jean Paul Sartre, RD Laing and John le Carré asking them to write for the magazine, or exposing Soho strip joints, has evaporated to a large extent. Branson is a shy person. He rarely speaks in public and is uncomfortable talking to a group.

Much of his business empire has been founded on a mixture of opportunism and the need to solve a problem. The Student Advisory Centre, founded by Branson in 1968, was his response to an inability to find help when a friend became pregnant. The Virgin music shops came about because his mail order record business was hit buy a postal strike and he needed an outlet.

The record business grew from an advertisement he placed in *Student* offering discount records, and the recording business followed from there.

A degree of luck, which Branson has always known how to ride, meant that the first record he produced was Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells*, an instant bestseller. New branches in book publishing, merchandising, and video studios, were added to the group. The airline was a response to what Branson perceived as a gap in the market.

He is susceptible to a charge of nepotism. Old friends and family have all been roped into Virgin over the years, some becoming millionaires in their own right. But the team at the top consists of high quality managers.

"There are fewer bruised egos at Virgin than at most businesses," says Mick Brown. They run the businesses and Branson provides the visionary ideas. Bidding for a television franchise in conjunction with David Frost is the latest. It is doubtful that Virgin would be able to survive without Branson.

His lifestyle has changed in the last five years. He married his long term girlfriend, Joan Templeman, a Glaswegian, in December 1989 on his private Caribbean island, Necker.

"I asked Holly if she would like us to get married and she said yes," says Branson, who is particularly close to his eight-year-old daughter. "I think I was being a bit selfish not getting married." He met Joan in the kitchen of the recording studio 15 years ago and insists it was love at first sight.

The marriage coincided with the move out of the tiny houseboat in Little Venice and into the 20-room mansion, complete with swimming pool in the basement.

The houseboat had been home to his first wife, Kristen Thomassi, an American artist. They married as teenagers and the marriage folded after two years. It is entirely consistent with Branson's character that he and Joan are not only friends but business partners with Kristen and her husband.

In the past few years Branson has gone some way towards shaking off his boyish image. He has become more articulate and less bashful. Dining with cabinet ministers has become less of a strain.

It is likely that he will ease his way further into public life and widen his already extensive range of social interests. He plays an active part in Parents Against Tobacco and the Virgin Healthcare Foundation, which has promoted Aids education.

Rivals say he is at a critical point in his career, on the verge of turning Virgin into a worldwide communications business on the scale of Robert Maxwell's empire. But Branson can see himself becoming less involved with Virgin and envisages a time when he divests the group of some of its component parts.

He socialises with his Virgin colleagues and a few close friends in the country and says he knows few other entrepreneurs or businessmen. Books are eschewed in favour of playing with his children or playing snooker, chess or tennis, all of which he does competitively. His regrets are few.

Joan describes his weaknesses as "beautiful women and sticky puddings". Others say he can be impatient and sometimes lacks concentration, although he rarely loses his temper. He describes himself as an emotional person who cries easily at sad films.

He does not believe in God but says that sometimes he wishes he did. "I suppose my attitude to life is that you do only live once," says Branson.

"I've had 40 full years and so many wonderful experiences. I'd rather go out pushing myself to the limit than in a geriatric home. I haven't completely made up my mind whether or not I should just bail out while I'm ahead."

'My father pointed out that I was fortunate to have survived the Atlantic and the Pacific balloon crossings and he didn't think there was any sense in pushing my luck.'

the first bold decisions the aviation business has seen in the last 50 years. Lord King used to be able to phone up Downing Street and get department of transport decisions overridden. Now the best he can do is a photo of himself with John Major."

Branson says he has no plans to compete with BA in terms of size. "BA is a very tired giant," he says. He can offer a superior service by staying small.

But his competitiveness and determination to win are masked by a disarming friendliness. He is the most approachable of chairmen and his need for accessibility borders on the obsessive. For the last five years he has been living in a combination of hothouse and goldfish bowl. It is a style of life that must produce an enormous degree of stress, but Branson does not show it.

Pacific crossing was recorded by television cameras.

Branson does not complain about these intrusions into his space. It would be hypocritical for him to do so, for he is the most adept businessman in Britain at gaining publicity and he knows its value.

His critics say he has become a bit too good at it, never missing an opportunity to wave the Virgin flag. He is quick to pick up the phone to complain if he feels the media is being unfair or favours a rival. His antennae are tuned to the slightest mention of Virgin. He is sometimes seen as a relentless publicity seeker because people find it difficult to distinguish the man from the company.

But not all publicity has been good. He is said to be sensitive to criticism of Virgin's use of off-shore tax havens, albeit legitimate ones, and his London nightclub, Heaven, has been beset by tales of drugs.

KN follows in Volkswagen steps

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...ritish engineering ...week acquired an ...an producer of ...t driveshafts, tak- ...ge of a German ... phenomenon ...ying one business ...tantial spin-offs. ...which took over a ...ntiate, was one of the first among many hoped-for windfalls of the much admired, as well as criticised, DM10 billion takeover by Volkswagen of Skoda, the Czech car group. GKN said the takeover had depended on the Volkswagen venture.

GKN is paying only a modest sum, some DM4 million, for Gelenkwellenwerk Mosel, part of the Sachsenring group, near Zwickau, Saxony, the heart of the old east German engineering region. As with all east European deals, including Volkswagen's, the real investment is not the acquisition price itself, but the pledged financial commitments, in this case DM25 million, to be spent within the next five years.

The GKN deal marks the second stage of investments into east Europe's dilapidated car industry. The first included Volkswagen's ventures in Czechoslovakia and eastern Germany. The company will soon build Polo cars in the same location, although with different equipment, from where the old Trabants had rolled off the lines.

Another plant, also near Zwickau, will produce the Volkswagen Golf, while Opel, Volkswagen's main German competitor, is setting up a modernised factory in nearby Eisenach.

The essence of German industrial policy, as underlined by these cases, is to get the basic parameters of one strategic industry right, and the rest will automatically follow.

To the Germans there is no industry more strategic than the car industry, and there is almost no ceiling on the price worth paying.

In a move that underlines the British company's confidence in this sector, GKN also said that there will no redundancies among the German firm's 1,300 workforce, a rare commitment considering redundancy levels of between 50 per cent and 80 percent in east Germany.

...wsongroup dives to loss

...IP PANGALOS

...D depressed de- ...short-term truck ...severe downturn ... sales have taken ...awsongroup, the ...ompany, pushing ...d and forcing a ...lend for the year. ...any suffered a ...of £392,000 (re- ...million profit) in ...d-December on ... £48.3 million ...). ...rson, chairman ...utive, said 1990 ...warding" year. ...ment continued to deteriorate throughout and, in the short-term truck rental market in particular, trading conditions were unquestionably the worst the group has ever experienced," he said.

The rentals division was the main culprit, diving to a pre-tax loss of £993,000 (£1.66 million profit), on turnover ahead to £29.8 million (£29 million). Profits from commercial vehicles slumped to £487,000 (£1.38 million), as turnover plunged to £16.7 million (£35.1 million).

Group operating profits slipped to £6.32 million (£9.32 million), but interest payments climbed to £6.72 million (£6.19 million). As a result, the company proposes a single final dividend of 1.5p, making a reduced total of 1.5p (3.2p). There is a 1.1p loss per share (8.4p earnings).

Mr Dawson said: "Trading conditions in the current year to date have remained severe and the recent reductions in interest rates, though welcome, have not yet stimulated a resurgence in demand."

The disposal of a freehold property in Bletchley led to an extraordinary gain of £4.41 million, with the proceeds used to reduce short-term borrowings. The share price climbed 6p to 39p.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberdeen Tst	60 –1
Atlantis Resources	37
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	119 +2
Alliance Res	44
Brabant Res (155p)	134
CMW Group (30p)	58
Castle Cairn (50p)	38
Drayton Blue Chip	101
EFM Java Tst (50p)	42 +1
East German Inv	115
Eidos (100p)	60
Etonbrook	68
Europe Energy	15
Faber Prest (175p)	129
Highcroft Inv	165
Invergordon (135p)	164 +2
Levercrest (108p)	65
MMEC	3½
MMI (20p)	24
Malaysia Capital	27½
Midland Radio	96
Proteus Intl (84p)	*120 –2*
Seton Healthcare	168
Smaller IT	79
Stand Platform (225p)	175
Trio Inv Tst	42
Utd Uniform	87
Unicharm (100p)	184 +6
Wig Tpe App	234 +1

● *See main prices page for Elec shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hartstone N/P	39 +2
Persimmon N/P	36
Redland N/P	87
Sega Gp N/P	31

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		
Dow Jones	2895.54	(–28.96)*
S&P Composite	375.56	(–4.21)*
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	26767.33	(+77.52)
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	Closed	
FT-SE Euro 100	1119.54	(+5.46)
Amsterdam:		
CBS Tendency	96.9	(–0.7)
Sydney: AO	1456.4	(–3.4)
Frankfurt: DAX	1586.87	(+14.90)
Brussels:		
General	5801.83	(+11.76)
Paris: CAC	491.42	(+0.21)
Zurich: SKA Gen	562.8	(+4.6)
London:		
FT–A All-Share	1232.32	(+8.77)
FT–"500"	1356.60	(+8.79)
FT. Gold Mines	137.8	(–0.7)
FT. Fixed interest	94.84	(+0.07)
FT. Govt Secs	85.55	(–0.10)
Bargains	59497	
SEAQ Volume	605.1m	
USM (Datastream)	137.52	(+0.71)

*Denotes latest trading price

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,827	CU	803	Lucas	966	Royal Ins	809
Ald-Lyons	2,623	Courtaulds	758	M&S	6,280	Sainsbury	909
Anglian	765	Enterprise	819	Maxwell Cm	1,455	Scot & N	2,570
ASDA	3,111	Eurotunnel	517	MEPC	73	Sears	4,006
AB Foods	96	Fisons	2,274	Midland	5,980	Severn Trnt	649
Argyll	3,430	Gen Acc	840	Natl Power	8,900	Shell	4,834
BAA	1,618	GEC	4,638	Nat West	3,585	Smith & N	2,904
BET	2,479	Glaxo	2,532	N W Water	864	SK Beech	1,497
BTR	2,261	Grand Met	4,800	P&O	788	Sun Allince	795
BAT	1,803	GUS 'A'	479	Pearson	187	Tarmac	1,367
Barclays	2,218	GRE	1,788	Pilkington	3,527	Tate Lyle	1,982
Bass	954	Guinness	1,917	PowerGen	5,700	TSB	3,784
BICC	454	*Hamm 'A'*	132	Prudential	5,032	*Tesco*	*6,214*
Bk Scotlnd	993	Hanson	7,453	Racal	12,181	Thames Wtr	753
Blue Circle	736	H & C	287	Rk Hovis	457	Thorn EMI	312
BOC	1,074	Hawker	154	Rank	503	Trafalgar	2,127
Boots	2,311	Hillsdown	2,477	R&C	491	THF	3,216
Br Aero	942	ICI	1,147	Redland	854	Ultramar	1,204
Br Airways	3,617	Kingfisher	3,151	Reed	1,596	Unilever	1,980
Br Gas	53	Lasmo	844	Reuters	577	United Bis	1,410
Br Petrol	14,586	Ladbroke	4,041	RMC Gp	963	Wellcome	692
Br Steel	3,224	Land Sec	408	RTZ	839	Whitbrd	3,085
Br Telecm	12,751	L&G	1,289	R-Royce	2,399	Wgn Teape	894
C&W	4,977	Lloyds	2,704	Rothmn 'B'	148	Williams	381
Cadbury	1,019	Lonrho	864	Royal Bank	1,734	Willis Cor	1,466

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 18	April 5	June 27	July 8

Call options were taken out on: 5/4/91 ADT, Berisford, Ersdne House, Eurotunnel Units, Control Sec, Business Tech, Saatchi & Saatchi, Strong & Fisher, Oliver Res.

Puts: Ratners, WPP.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyons						
(*519)	500	27	39	53	6	20
	550	4	16	32	35	52
	600	1	6	17	84	92
ASDA						
(*133)	120	16	22	23	1½	3½
	130	7	13	16	3½	6½
	140	2	8½	11	9½	12
Bass						
(*161)	929	44	78	105	10	30
	977	17	52	74	29	50
	1026	3½	30	50	70	82
Boots						
(*378)	330	56	62	68	1	5
	360	27	37	48	3	11
	390	8	19	31	15	25
Br Airways						
(*159)	140	24	27	28	1	5
	160	7½	13	18	5½	13
	180	1	5	10	22	29
BP						
(*334)	300	39	44	51	2	4½
	330	11½	23	30	5	12½
	360	2	11	16	25	30
Br Steel						
(*147)	130	18	22	23	1	4
	140	9	13	16	3	7
	160	2	4½	6½	15	20
C & W						
(*522)	460	72	83	97	1	7½
	500	34	50	67	5	19
	550	5¼	26	40	30	44
CU						
(*538)	460	80	95	98	1	4
	500	42	62	68	3½	11
	550	8½	32	40	20	28
Courtauld						
(*414)	360	61	65	74	1	4½
	390	32	40	52	3	11
	420	10¼	23	35	12	26
GKN						
(*375)	330	50	62	65	1½	5
	360	22	40	45	4	13
	390	6	24	30	18	27
Grand Met						
(*821)	750	81	105	125	2	15
	800	37	70	90	10	32
	850	12	42	65	35	55
ICI						
(*1058)	1000	70	110	124	6	23
	1050	32	77	94	19	43
	1100	12	50	69	50	67
Kingfisher						
(*484)	390	102	107	110	1	3
	420	72	78	88	1½	7
	460	34	48	60	5	16
Ladbroke						
(*291)	260	35	39	49	2	7
	280	17	26	35	6	13
	300	6	16	25	18	25
Land Sec						
(*550)	500	55	65	70	2	6½
	550	14	34	38	10	26
	600	1½	8	17	52	60
M & S						
(*257)	220	40	43	49	1	3
	240	21	25½	36	1½	7
	260	6	14½	23	9	16
Sainsbury						
(*376)	300	80	83	92	1	1½
	330	51	55	65	1	3½
	360	22	31	43	3½	10
Shell						
(*488)	420	77	90	95	2	4
	460	38	55	65	4	9
	500	10	30	38	17	24
Smkl Beech						
(*798)	700	106	122	141	1½	6½
	750	58	82	103	4	17
	800	20	53	74	20	37
Storehse						
(*125)	110	17	19	24	1	4½
	120	8	13	16	3	7
	130	3	8	–	8	13
Tesdigue						
(*254)	240	23	28	30	4	15
	260	9	20	31	8	27
	280	3	13	23	25	41
Ultramar						
(*331)	300	40	49	55	3	6
	330	12	28	36	9	17
	360	3	13	22	30	35
Unilever						
(*766)	650	120	138	157	1¼	4
	700	72	95	119	3	9
	750	30	60	85	10	25
	800	6	35	55	38	48
Utd Biscs						
(*388)	330	62	71	80	1	2
	360	32	47	57	1	7
	390	9	27	36	9	17

	Calls			Puts		
Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA						
(*438)	390	50	54	70	4	10
	420	24	39	45	14	21
	460	6	–	–	38	–
BAT Ind						
(*726)	600	137	143	150	2	6
	650	92	100	112	6	13
	700	49	68	82	13	30
	750	22	40	55	35	53
BTR						
(*418)	360	68	81	83	2	4½
	390	41	55	61	5	10
	420	19	37	42	15	20
Br Aero						
(*656)	550	115	137	145	4	9
	600	75	97	108	8	15
	650	38	65	77	20	30
Br Telecm						
(*364)	330	40	47	54	2¼	7½
	360	18	25	34	10½	16
	390	5½	–	–	29	–
Cadbury						
(*392)	360	43	56	64	4	8
	390	21	35	45	12	18
	420	8	19	30	30	33
Guinness						
(*917)	800	130	152	165	3	8
	850	87	113	128	8	18
	900	50	80	97	22	35
GEC						
(*204)	200	13	15½	22	5½	12
	220	4	7½	12	18	25
	240	1¼	–	–	37	–
Hanson						
(*257)	220	25	28	34	3	6¼
	240	9½	16	23	10	14½
	260	3	8	14	34	28
LASMO						
(*350)	330	35	51	53	7	12
	360	18	30	40	20	24
	390	8	17	26	40	45
P & O						
(*610)	550	62	73	80	8	17
	600	23	43	52	28	40
	650	6½	23	30	67	72
Pilkington						
(*189)	160	35	36	38	2½	6½
	180	18	22	26	5½	9
	200	7	12	16	17	26
Prudential						
(*245)	220	30	38	41	2½	5
	240	15	24	28	8	11
	260	6	14	19	20	22

	Calls			Puts		
Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Racal						
(*240)	180	65	66	70	1	2
	200	45	49	55	2	4½
	220	27	34	42	5	8
	240	16	22	29	12	17
RTZ						
(*568)	420	159	170	–	1	2
	460	119	133	138	2	3
	500	82	98	107	4	8
	550	39	63	73	12	19
Scot New						
(*378)	330	58	65	–	2	6
	360	32	42	48	6	13
	390	14	23	32	19	27
	420	5½	12	20	43	48
Tesco						
(*289)	255	39	64	–	2	3
	255	39	44	–	2½	4
	280	14	24	31	9	12
Thames W						
(*307)	300	17	23	28	8	17
	330	4½	9	15	27	35
Lucas						
(*164)	140	28	33	38	2	5
	160	12	19	24	6	10
	180	4	9½	14	19	22

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons						
(*497)	420	79	88	99	1	3½
	460	43	56	70	3	11
	500	10	31	45	18	27

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat						
(*276)	240	43	47	53	1½	4
	260	26	32	39	6½	9
	280	14	21	28	14	18
Amstrad						
(*79)	60	22	24½	27	1	3
	70	13½	17½	21	2	6
	80	7½	12	15	6	9
Barclays						
(*468)	390	90	100	–	2	7
	420	65	75	82	6	15
	460	37	47	57	15	28
Blue Circ						
(*269)	240	35	40	45	5½	10
	260	20	28	34	14	18
	280	10	18	24	25	29
Br Gas						
(*257)	220	45	48	50	1½	4
	240	27	31	35	4	8
	260	14	17	22	10	16
Dixons						
(*195)	160	45	47	51	2	4½
	180	28	32	37	5½	9
	200	15	21	25	13	19
Glaxo						
(*1122)	1050	107	–	162	20	–
	1100	74	–	132	36	–
	1150	50	–	107	57	–
Hawker						
(*571)	500	87	98	100	10	18
	550	48	65	73	27	37
	600	25	45	53	60	65
Hillsdown						
(*268)	220	52	56	–	3	6½
	240	35	42	48	7	13
	260	20	31	38	15	22
Lonrho						
(*260)	220	46	50	–	2	5
	240	31	34	42	5½	11
	260	15	22	30	12	18

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Midland						
(*219)	160	65	67	–	1	2½
	180	48	50	55	2	7
	200	28	36	41	6	11
	220	17	25	28	15	18
Reuter						
(*885)	800	118	140	163	18	35
	850	85	108	135	32	48
	900	55	83	108	55	72
R-Royce						
(*168)	140	35	40	42	1	3
	160	18	25	28	5	8
	180	7½	15	17	15	17
Sears						
(*94)	80	18	18	20	2	3
	90	8½	11	13	5	6½
	100	3½	6½	9	11	13
THF						
(*276)	260	22	28	33	8	14
	280	10½	18	23	20	24
	300	5	10	–	37	37
Thorn EMI						
(*750)	650	118	117	118	6	12
	700	75	74	82	10	23
	750	45	44	55	27	45
	800	20	24	–	57	77
TSB						
(*151)	130	27	30	–	1½	3
	140	18	21	24	3	5
	160	6	9	12	10	14
Vaal Reefs						
(*556)	50	12	13	16	4	5½
	60	5	8½	11	8½	11
Wellcome						
(*545)	460	97	115	125	5	12
	500	72	85	99	13	21
	550	38	57	69	33	41

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Elec							
(*180)	140	42	45	46	1½	3	4
	160	24	27	27	2	7	9
	180	9	13½	16	7	18	20
Sthrn Elec							
(*187)	140	48	–	–	1½	–	–
	160	27	–	–	2	–	–
	180	12	–	–	5½	–	–
Elec Pack							
(*(1970)	1800	180	–	–	50	–	–
	1850	150	–	–	60	–	–
	1900	120	–	–	80	–	–

	Series	Jan	Sep	–	Jan	Sep	–
Nat Power							
(*129)	130	8½	12	–	7	12	–
	140	4½	8	–	13	18	–
	160	1½	3½	–	32	36	–

FT-SE INDEX (*(2542)

2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls					
Apr 227	177	132	88	55	30
May 237	191	144	105	80	57
Jun 260	213	177	145	106	78
Jul 280	228	193	150	125	98
Dec –	305	–	247	–	180
Puts					
Apr 5	8	14	26	41	72
May 13	19	27	40	61	89
Jun 20	27	38	52	70	96
Jul 26	35	50	62	85	102
Dec –	68	–	99	–	138

April 5, 1991 Total: 22362 Calls 15365 Puts 6997 FT-SE: Calls 1669 Puts 2178

*Underlying security price.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Land Sec	Property	
2	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
3	Life Sciences	Electricals	
4	Wellcome	Industrials S-Z	
5	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
6	Anglian Water	Water	
7	Caledonia	Transport	
8	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
9	Low (Wm)	Foods	
10	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
11	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
12	Sisley	Industrials S-Z	
13	Brent Chems	Chemicals,Plas	
14	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Br Steel	Industrials A-D	
16	Yorkshire Water	Water	
17	Euro Leisure	Leisure	
18	NSM	Building,Roads	
19	Beauford	Industrials A-D	
20	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
21	Bett Bros	Building,Roads	
22	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
23	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
24	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
25	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
26	FKI	Electricals	
27	Slough Estates	Property	
28	Sthrn Water	Water	
29	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
30	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
31	Molins	Industrials L-R	
32	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
33	Park Foods	Foods	
34	Smith & Neph	Industrials S-Z	
35	McInerney	Property	
36	Warner	Property	
37	Maxwell Comm	Newspapers,Pub	
38	Sainsbury J	Foods	
39	CRH	Building,Roads	
40	BET Ord	Industrials A-D	
41	Pilkington	Industrials L-R	
42	Stonehill	Industrials S-Z	
43	Unigate	Foods	
44	Boddington	Breweries	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to Monday's competition.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990 High	1990 Low	Stock		Price	Chge	Int accly Yld%	Gross Red Yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99¾	97	Treas	3%	1991	99⅜		3.0	9.798
99⅝	96⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	99⅝	● ..		
98	96⅝	Treas	8%	1991	98	..	8.1	11.036
99⅝	98⅜	Treas C	10%	1991	99⅝	..	10.0	11.756
99⅜	94⅜	Exch	11¾%	1991	99⅝	● ..	11.0	11.351
99⅜	99⅜	Treas	11¾%	1991-95	99⅜			
93⅜	91⅛	Treas	3%	1992	93⅜		3.2	8.768
97⅜	93⅜	Treas	8%	1992	97⅜	● ..	8.2	10.748
98⅝	95⅝	Treas	10%	1992	98⅛	..	10.2	10.721
99⅜	95⅝	Treas C	10¼%	1992	99⅛	● ..	10.5	10.884
102⅜	100⅜	Exch	12¼%	1992	102	..	12.0	10.818
101⅜	100⅜	Treas	12¾%	1992	101⅜	..	12.5	10.876
104⅜	98⅝	Exch	13¼%	1992	103⅝	..	13.0	10.808
92⅜	89⅝	Fund	9%	1993	92⅜	..	8.47	9.454
96⅜	94	Treas	8¾%	1993	96⅜	..	8.58	10.376
89⅝	94⅜	Treas	10%	1993	99⅜	● ..	10.0	10.285
104⅜	102⅜	Treas	12¾%	1993	104⅜	..	11.9	10.388
108⅛	106⅛	Treas	13¾%	1993	107⅜	..	12.7	10.331
86⅜	82⅜	Treas	8%	1994	86⅜	..	8.87	10.269
96⅜	93⅜	Treas	9%	1994	96⅜	..	9.3	10.213
99⅝	96⅛	Treas	10%	1994	99⅝	..	10.0	10.161
108⅜	97⅜	Exch	12¾%	1994	108⅜	..	11.7	10.168
109	101⅜	Exch	13¾%	1994	109⅜	● ..	12.4	10.217
111⅛	108⅛	Treas	14¾%	1994	110⅜	..	13.1	10.178
87	72⅜	Gas	9%	1990-95	86⅜	● ..		
102⅜	96⅜	Exch	10¾%	1995	102⅜	+⅛	10.2	10.161
106⅜	102⅜	Treas	12%	1995	105⅜	..	11.3	10.148
109⅜	105⅜	Treas	12¾%	1995	109⅜	..	11.6	10.184

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

98⅜	85⅜	Treas	9%	1992-96	96⅜	+⅛	9.3	9.639
100	95⅝	Conv	10%	1996	99⅝	+⅛	10.0	10.130
112⅜	108	Exch	13¾%	1996	111⅝	+⅛	11.9	10.826
113⅜	109⅜	Treas	14%	1996	113	+⅛	12.3	10.462
116⅛	113⅛	Treas	15¾%	1996	115⅜	+⅛	12.8	10.470
94⅜	89⅜	Treas	9%	1997	93⅝	..	9.3	10.093
102⅜	93	Exch	10¾%	1997	101⅞	..	10.5	10.148
113⅜	106⅜	Treas	13¾%	1997	112⅝	..	11.7	10.381
122⅝	113⅜	Exch	15%	1997	121⅜	..	12.5	10.459
95⅞	88	Treas	8¾%	1995-98	95⅜	● ..	7.9	9.654
99⅜	93⅜	Exch	9¾%	1998	98⅝	..	9.9	10.155
109⅜	104⅜	Exch	12¾%	1998	108⅝	..	11.9	10.261
132⅜	123⅛	Treas	15¾%	1998	129⅝	..	12.2	10.350
97⅜	92⅜	Treas	9%	1999	97⅜	..	9.2	10.029
101⅜	95⅜	Conv	10¾%	1998	100⅜	+⅛	10.2	10.184
102⅜	97⅜	Treas	10%	1999	102	+⅛	10.3	10.148
111⅜	105	Exch	12¾%	1999	110⅜	+⅛	11.5	10.346
94⅜	89⅜	Conv	9%	2000	94⅜	+⅛	9.1	9.969
118⅛	110⅜	Treas	13%	2000	113⅝	+⅛	11.2	10.352
100⅜	94⅜	Treas	10%	2001	99⅝	+⅛	10.0	10.112
118⅛	113	Treas	14%	2001-01	117⅜	+⅛	11.9	10.457
98⅜	93⅜	Treas	9¾%	2002	97⅜	+⅛	9.9	10.105
100⅜	94⅜	Treas	10%	2003	99⅜	+⅛	10.0	10.073
117⅜	114⅛	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	117⅜	+⅛	11.7	10.464
98⅜	93⅜	Conv	9¾%	2004	97⅜	+⅛	9.9	9.933
97	89⅜	Conv	9¼%	2004	96⅝	+⅛	9.5	10.046
108⅜	101⅞	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	107⅝	+⅛	10.7	10.314
97⅜	90⅜	Conv	9¼%	2005	96⅜	+⅛	10.7	10.139
118⅜	111	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	116⅜	+⅛	9.5	10.021

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

83⅜	79⅜	Treas	8%	2002-06	84⅜	+⅛	10.5	10.095
90	84⅜	Treas	8¾%	2007	89⅜	+⅛	9.4	9.753
112⅜	105⅜	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	111⅜	+⅛	9.5	9.571
94⅜	88⅜	Treas	9%	2008	95⅜	+⅛	9.5	9.653
125⅛	118⅜	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	124⅜	+⅛	10.7	9.988
93⅜	88⅜	Treas	9%	2009	94⅜	+⅛	9.5	9.668
93⅜	88⅜	Conv	9%	2011	93⅜	+⅛	9.5	9.681
93⅜	87⅜	Treas	9¼%	2008-12	93⅜	+⅛	9.7	9.654
87⅜	78⅜	Treas	8%	2012-15	86⅜	+⅛	9.3	9.707
121⅜	113⅜	Exch	12%	2013-17	118⅜	+⅛	9.9	9.707

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33⅜	33⅜	Consols	3½%		33⅜	● ..	9.9	
37⅜	37⅜	Conv	3½%		37⅜	..		
34⅜	34⅜	Consols	3½%		34⅜	● ..		
34⅜	34⅜	Treas	3½%		34⅜	..		
35⅜	33⅜	War Ln	3½%		35⅜	..	9.7	

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117⅜	110	Treas	2%	1996	117⅜			
117⅜	110⅜	Treas	2%	1998	117⅜			
171	159⅜	Treas	2%	1998	171⅜			
141	139⅜	Treas	2%	2001	141			
136⅜	135⅜	Treas	2%	2006	136⅜			
136⅜	135⅜	Treas	2%	2011	136⅜			
116⅜	116⅜	Treas	2%	2016	116⅜			
94⅜	91⅜	Treas	2%	2020	94⅜			

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
228	211	Abbey National	225	228	● ..	12.7	4.6	9.6
175	125	Allied Irish	175	180	● ..			
38	36	Antoniadis (Henry)	36	38	..	2.6	5.3	..
151	121	Aos New Z	144	148	● ..			
129	129	Bankamerica	129		..			
138	138	Bank of Ireland	138	138	● ..			
194	194	Bank Leumi Israel			..			
260	260	Bank Scotland Ltd	260	260	● ..	21.3	8.1	..
117	111	Bank Of Scotland	116	117	..	9.6	8.2	10.6
38	38	Bank Of Wales	38	40	..	3.7	9.6	10.6
190	190	Barclays	190	191	● ..	20.2	10.6	9.6
9	9	Benchmark			..	1.69		10.6
195	195	Brown Shipley	195	205	● ..	10.7	4.3	8.7
157	157	Cariolo	157	159	+3⅜			
97	97	Cater Allen	97	98	..	26.5	7.9	11.5
63	63	Cazles	73	75	..	5.1	6.9	9.6
117	117	Chancery			..			
94	94	Chase Manhattan			..			
39	39	Clivens			..			
249	249	Close Bros	250	252	● ..	10.6	4.4	12.7
1579	1579	Commerzbank			+10			
1579	1579	Deutsche Bank			+20			
238	238	First Nat Fin	238	248	+2	17.3	8.3	11.4
23	23	GPA			..			
263	263	Gerrard Nat			..	26.3	8.4	15.8
559	559	Guinness Mahon			..	19.7	3.7	
195	195	Hambros			..	15.8	8.7	9.6
394	394	HK Shanghai			..			
575	575	Hill Samuel			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Hogg Robinson			..			
168	168	Kleinwort Benson			..			
168	168	Lloyds			+10	20.4		15.4
61	47	Lon Scot Fin	61	63	..	3.7	6.0	11.4
150	150	Midland	150	152	● ..	12.8	5.5	11.8
1⅜	1⅜	Nat Asset Fin			..			
247	247	Nat West	247	248	● ..	22.3		9.6
365	365	Provident	365	405	● ..	31.2	7.7	10.7
24	24	Rea Bros	24	44	..	0.7	1.7	29.1

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares march higher

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 2. Dealings end April 12. §Contango day April 15. Settlement day April 22. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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WEEKLY DIVIDEND £4,000

Claims required for +190 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BREWERIES

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
576	468	Allied-Lyons	518	523	+4	23.4	4.5	10.9
1654	1267	Bass	1515	1520	+15	68.7	4.5	12.5
244	124	Beddington	224	228	..	6.5	2.8	8.5
243	173	Belhaven (H P)	225	230	..	6.5	2.8	8.5
1760	1166	Burtonwood Brew	1760	1780	..	44.1	2.5	13.1
170	135	Dewhirst (JA)	163	170	+8	7.1	4.3	12.3
93	93	Fosters Brewing Gp			..			
2800	2800	Grand Met	2800	2810	● ..	84.1	3.0	12.3
374	374	Greenall Whit	374	384	● ..	22.7	5.9	14.4
717	717	Guinness	717	720	● ..	22.7	3.2	14.4
1870	1870	Hodgson & Hewsons			..			
225	225	Highland Distl	225	240	● ..	24.2	10.1	13.6
158	158	Invergordon Distl	158	168	● ..	24.2	14.4	13.6
428	428	Marstield	428	440	● ..	34.1	7.8	11.8
213	213	Morrison Thompson	213	218	● ..	8.5	3.9	13.6
394	394	Matthew Clark	394	400	● ..	45.2	11.3	13.7
248	248	Morland	248	260	● ..	29	11.2	14.4
268	268	SA Breweries			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Scot & Nwe			..			
174	174	Vaux Group	174	178	+1	11.3	6.4	11.9
498	498	Whitbread 'A'	498	504	+4	31.4	6.2	12.1
1394	1394	Do 'B'	1394	1400	+4	87.4	6.2	12.1
395	395	Wolverhampton & D	455	465	● ..	12.4	2.7	20.4
388	388	Young 'A'	388	395	● ..	12.4	3.1	15.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	46	Abbey	65	75	..			
271	186	Amec	265	270	● ..	13.5	5.2	12.5
74	17	Anglia Sec	17	22	..			
28	23	Ansells	28	30	..	0.7	2.5	24
345	162	Ashwoods	345	350	..	22	6.3	21.3
222	171	BPB Ind	222	224	● ..	15.5	6.9	8.7
155	98	Baggeridge Brick	155	160	..	4.9	3.1	12.4
69	52	Barker (Eley) Constr	52	69	..	1.5	2.9	13.7
118	92	Barratt Devs	110	118	● ..	11.1	11.4	
186	82	Beazer PLC	182	186	● ..	5.7	3.1	10.4
288	144	Bellway	280	288	● ..	14.7	5.5	14.3
19	10	Bellwinch	10	19	..			
345	226	Berkeley Gp	345	350	+2	8.5	2.4	11.5
163	107	Bett Bros	163	165	+2	5.6	3.4	11.8
115	80	Blackburn	115	120	+2	5.7	5.1	8.1
288	118	Blue Circle	288	290	+2	15.6	5.4	8.1
536	436	Bovis (Henry)	536	540	+4	26.5	4.9	12.4
103	88	Brandon PLC	88	103	..	4.6	4.5	8.8
155	93	Br Dredging	155	160	..	7.5	4.7	8.8
120	93	Bryant	120	125	..	6.4	5.1	8.8
185	78	CALA	185	190	..	4.5	2.4	13.7
288	187	CRH	288	295	+1			
90	33	Caledonian Roberg	33	90	..	1.7	1.9	7.5
36	36	Cawdor Grp	36	38	..	1.1	2.9	11.1
236	146	Costain	214	216	+4	14.7	6.8	7.5
154	78	Countrywide	150	154	+2	3.5	2.3	8.8
183	86	Crest Nicholson	174	176	● ..	8.5	4.8	8.2
98	58	Crosby Assn	98	100	..	3.6	3.6	8.2
119	105	Dean & Bowes	115	119	● ..	8.7	7.3	8.9
453	355	Douglas (HM)	453	455	● ..	14.6	3.2	9.8
474	29	Edmond Hdgs	459	464	..	2.5	0.5	9.8
78	75	Erith	78	82	..	2.7	3.3	8.8
117	75	Everard Barden	109	112	..	7.5	6.6	8.8
5½	2	Firkin Gp	4	5½	..			
104	71	Galliford	104	105	● ..	5.7	5.9	11.9
68	68	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	68	70	..			
778	565	Glenrex (MA)	778	780	..	14.4	1.9	10.4
110	75	Graham Wood	110	115	..	10.7	10.1	8.1
91	48	Harrison Ind	91	92	..	3.7	4.1	8.8
100⅜	84	Hawden-Stuart	95	100	..	6.1	6.1	8.8
350	274	Heywood Williams	332	350	..	26.5	7.6	8.8
483	262	Higgs & Hill	483	485	..	8.1	1.7	8.8
41	27½	Hind Gp	37	40	..	4.8	12.3	7.8
21	18	Howard Hdgs	21	22	..			
110	110	Ibstock Johnsen	110	113	+1	7.1	6.3	8.8
90	56	Jarvis	85	90	..	3.6	4.2	8.8
348	254	Laing (J)	348	352	● ..	16.8	4.8	8.8
84	23	Laurence (Water)	84	91	..	10.6	11.6	8.8
51	51	Lilley	51	55	..	3.3	6.1	8.8
265	118	Lovell (V J)	265	270	..	11.5	4.3	12.1
188	138	Mandors	172	175	● ..	9.3	5.3	12.2
136	87	Manley	131	136	● ..	6.5	5.1	8.8
159	87	Marshalls	159	161	● ..	6.5	4.1	8.8
119	112	Matthews (J)	119	122	● ..	6.5	5.4	8.8
265	265	McAlpine (Alfred)	265	270	● ..	13.7	5.1	27.9
117	98	McCarthy & S	117	121	● ..	13.7	11.3	8.8
358	358	Meyer Int	358	368	● ..	18.2	5.1	10.5
252	252	Morrison (John)	252	256	● ..	7.6	3.0	8.8
44	13	NSM	44	45	● ..	1.7	3.8	8.8
168	112	Newman Tonks	168	172	● ..	12.4	7.6	10.8
284	187	Pendennis	274	284	● ..	11.5	4.2	10.8
75	75	Phoenix Timber	75	80	● ..	4.3	5.6	8.8
10	8½	Pochins	10	11	..	0.3	3.3	8.8
201	174	Prowting	201	204	● ..	8.7	4.3	8.8
748	564	RMC Gp	748	752	-10	24.6	3.3	10.2
133	97	Rees Ind	115	117	● ..	7.2	6.2	8.8
855	438	Redland	817	818	+9⅜	33.3	3.9	12.1
190	135	Rugby Group	168	172	-8	5.3	3.1	11.4
112	69	Shanks & Foster	96	100	..	5.3	5.4	15.8
160	142	Smurfit (Jefferson)	160	162	+3	7.3	4.5	8.8
188	188	Smurfit (J)	183	188	..	8.8	5.2	7.7
2⅜	1⅜	Stanrail			..			
298	298	Stanley	298	302	● ..	18.7	6.8	11.3
216	216	Tarmac	216	218	● ..	12.4	7.6	10.8
135	135	Tay Homes	135	140	+1	8.4	6.2	8.8
383	383	Taylor Woodrow	378	382	-6	12.7	4.9	15.7
506	506	Tilbury Group	506	510	● ..	44.9	8.1	10.8
188	188	Travis Perkins	278	285	● ..	10.7	4.5	14.5
50	50	Try Group	50	60	● ..	3.6	6.0	8.8
147	92	Tarmi	147	150	● ..	28.0	29.4	12.8
115	85	Wimpey	111	115	-1	4.8	4.2	5.5
130	130	Ward Group	130	150	● ..	9.6	5.9	5.3
110	110	Ward Hdgs	110	115	● ..	8.8	8.0	8.8
374	374	Watts Blake	374	380	● ..	12.4	3.1	15.5
7	7	Wiggins	7	8	..			
343	343	Wilson Bowden	413	417	+1	11.7	2.7	14.5
182	182	Wilson (Connolly)	182	190	-1	5.6	2.9	14.5
215	215	Wimpey G	215	218	● ..	14.8	6.8	28.1
78	43	Yeoll	78	80	● ..	6.7	8.5	8.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	128	Allied Colloids	157	160	+3	4.3	2.7	15.4
392	301	Amersham	365	375	+4	15.7	4.2	18.9
459	299	Anglo Int	41	42	..	1.9	4.5	16.8
208	148	BTR	197	202	+4	11.2	5.6	14.8
279	179	Bayer DM50	274		+4			
197	129	Blagden	197	199	-1	12.7	6.4	9.7
197	121	Bocell Chems	193	195	+2	8.8	4.5	11.8
54	36	Clint Gp	54	56	+1	2.5	4.5	8.8
154	94	Courtaulds (W)	154	156	+2	6.8	4.4	11.8
203	146	Croda	203	205	+1	14.7	7.2	11.3
208	186	Ellis & Everard	202	208	● ..	9.4	4.5	11.6
18	14½	European Colour	17	18	..	0.8	4.4	8.8
184	128	Fenda	184	188	● ..	8.8	4.7	8.8
284	202	Halstead (James)	284	288	● ..	14.3	5.0	8.1
171	160	Hickson	167	171	● ..	10.7	6.3	10.1
679	679	Hoechst DM50	679		+9			
445	445	Imp Chem Ind	1078	1080	+16	72.5	6.7	12.5
446	446	Laporte	1078	1080	+16	28.7	4.1	15.1
277	277	Leigh	340	345	+2	9.7	2.9	21.6
136	136	Marsh Hydro			..			
72	72	Petersen Zoch	348	350	● ..	12.7	3.6	11.5
396	396	Do 'A'	346	350	● ..	12.7	3.6	11.5
142	111	Plysu	142	145	● ..	5.1	3.5	16.1
208	203	Rentokil	272	275	+2	4.4	1.6	22.4
174	126	Tilbury	150	160	● ..	1.4	1.5	20.2
335	284	Wards Stanyon Plc	315	335	● ..	20.6	6.1	11.6
288	215	Wolstenholme Rink	288	290	● ..	21.7	8.5	8.8
234	227	Yorkshire Chem	230	234	+17	21.7	9.3	8.8
131	89	Yule Cato	98	132	..	8.1	4.7	9.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
556	442	Alexon	555	556	+4	18.3	3.3	20.4
87	61	Ashley (Laura)	73	77	..	2.1	2.7	
1550	1550	Austin Reed			..			
1550	1550	Bentalls (Jarrold) 'A'			..			
150	150	Bentalls			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Blacks Leis			..			
378	378	Body Shop	378	382	+1	1.5	0.4	52.2
1⅜	1⅜	Bremner			..			
239	239	Brown & Jackson	239	241	..	2.5	1.0	7.1
183	183	Brown (N)	183	193	..	7.1	3.7	7.2
1⅜	1⅜	Burton			..			
131	131	Dawson 'A'			..			
78	78	Dorset Pic			..			
286	286	Church			..			
184	184	Costa Wyatt			..			
154	154	Courts Furnishers			..			
373	373	Dawson (Raymond) 'A'			..			
215	215	Dewhirst (J)	215	220	..	7.5	3.4	15.7
286	286	Dixons Gp	286	288	..	8.1	2.8	19.8
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'A'			..			
11	11	EM Gp			..			
288	288	Ellys (Wimbledon)			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Empire Stores			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Etam			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Fine Art Dev			..			
1⅜	1⅜	First Earth Tiles			..			
388	388	Forminster			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Gent Sht			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Goldsmiths Group			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Gus			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'A'			..			
188	188	Hardware Store			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Harrods			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Hepworth			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'A'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Hillsdown			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Holmes (Robert)			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'A'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'B'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'C'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'D'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'E'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'F'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'G'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'H'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'I'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'J'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'K'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'L'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'M'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'N'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'O'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'P'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'Q'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'R'			..			
1⅜	1⅜	Do 'S'			..			

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TEMPUS

WPP's appeal lies in preferential treatment

LY can an alpha stock ffered investors such a rum as WPP after the cing announced on ay. The stock market's reaction was favour- posting the shares a fur- p yesterday and taking rease to more than 300 t since December's 50p low.

what are investors buy- en they acquire the Not assets, as the last sheet showed negative th of £244 million and t of almost £300 mil- Not income, as the y will pass its ordinary d for at least two years, certain circumstances, e late 1990s. Not even ights, as the preference lders will have the y vote after October months after the lapsed ce dividend falls due.

ole attraction of WPP would appear to be that er a highly geared punt recovery prospects for ternational economy. icker the upturn, the WPP's clients increase arketing spend, and the the day when cash is le for distribution to y shareholders again.

est case scenario, with t paid off on or before e and the dividend d in June 1993, the could look cheap. At y's closing price of ey are valued at less ix times this year's s.

rtunately, the trading nt that accompanied y's announcement of- ittle hope that this equence of events will ce.

esults for the first two of the year were below though that is to be ex- given the Gulf war. orrying is that the pro- crease in client spend- the ceasefire still has erialised. The best, it hat WPP can hope for increasing optimism be reflected in impro- nt marketing services the year". The caut- ording suggests the should only mark time



Madison Avenue man: refinancing keeps alive Martin Sorrell's ambitions for WPP

at best, until the next trading statement.

All but the longer-term investors should consider selling or switching into the convertible preference shares. The prefs offer the combined attractions of a cumulative dividend, paid before the ordinary share dividend, a theoretical yield of more than 30 per cent and, in seven months' time, voting rights.

Cluff Resources

CLUFF Resources, one of the early pioneers in Zimbabwe after independence and currently extensively searching in Ghana's fabled Ashanti region for additional gold deposits, could soon prove the dictum: Out of Africa, always something new.

Cluff, whose pre-tax profits last year rose from £2 million to £2.51 million and which, unusually for an exploration group, pays a regular, though modest, dividend, is expanding its Freda/Rebecca gold mine north of Harare — a deposit the world's major mining houses never thought was commercially possible — and expanding gold mining operations around Bulawayo. The group is already Zimbabwe's largest gold producer.

Cluff is also interested in platinum deposits in Zimbabwe and further news of the potentially promising Bokitsi gold deposit in Ghana may not be far off.

The group, which is virtually debt free having floated 15 per cent of the Zimbabwean subsidiary last year, has also cast its eye over vanadium deposits and diamond claims in Zimbabwe. The group's more exciting diamond interests lie, however, in Australia, where its associate is examining the Copeton field in New South Wales.

The profits outlook and investment following for Cluff is largely governed by the world gold price, — a £10 gold price increase adds £800,000 to the pre-tax figure — though Zimbabwe's gold price support programme and the group's control of operating costs, help compensate for some of the uncertainty. Pre-tax profits this year of about £3 million should not prove impossible.

A clutch of European interests to strengthen its non-African earnings would assist the investment case, and although income from energy interests seems unrewarding. Cluff's oil and gas efforts could soon prove justified.

Cluff shares at 53p, with Hutchison Whampoa a 24.5 per cent shareholder, are not without interest in an otherwise depressed gold mining sector.

STOCK MARKET

Hopes of cut in US rates push shares higher

THE prospect of an imminent cut in American interest rates enabled share prices in London to extend this week's record-breaking run.

Hopes that a softening of US rates will increase the pressure on the government to cut domestic base rates cheered City investors, who were happy to chase prices higher. The FT-SE 100 index closed 20.8 up at an all-time high of 2,545.3, having been almost 28 points up earlier. The narrower FT index of 30 shares added 7.3 at 2,014.5. A total of 605 million shares were traded.

But conditions generally were described as thin with market-makers short of stock and anxious to cover their positions. Further demand for the FT-SE 100 index June series future helped to fuel demand in the cash market as it touched 2,597. Warburg Securities, a big buyer of the future earlier this week, raised its year-end forecast to 2,750.

Government securities lost early gains of £½ at the longer end to finish £¼ lower after the issue of a further £800 million of tap stock.

GrandMet fell 9p to 821p as one big seller began doing the rounds. He is reckoned to have unloaded around a million shares as total turnover for the day reached 3 million. Followers say it may have been one fund manager choosing to take a profit. Last month, the group obtained an American depository receipt facility and the share price has performed strongly since. But the shares were placed relatively easily underlining how short of stock this market is.

Cable and Wireless spent a volatile session ending 1p firmer at 525p as one investor switched out of the shares. He sold 1.2 million before picking up 2.2 million in rival **British Telecom**, 3½p better at 367p.

There has been persistent talk recently that Cable and Wireless may be lining up a bid for **Racal Electronics**, 13p better at 242p, in which it is thought to hold a near 3 per cent stake. Racal, which has already announced plans for a de-merger later this year, enjoyed a strong overnight performance in New York where the ADRs jumped $3.

Thames Water followed the rest of the sector higher with a rise of 6p to 308p after a visit by fund managers to the group's Reading engineering works and other sites nearby. The message from the group, with capital expenditure running at about £1 million a day, is said to have been positive.

Serco, the project management contractor, firmed a further 2p to 428p — a 6p rise on the week. The group has given a series of briefings for fund managers after reporting pre-tax profits up 20 per cent, to £4.32 million, last month. It remains up-beat about current year prospects.

The retail sector found itself the subject of a massive bear squeeze. Market-makers who sold short of stock recently are now scrambling to cover positions, but they are finding it difficult. Stock shortages lifted **Boots** 7p to 379p, **GUS** A 22p to £12.84 and **Kingfisher** 11p to 484p.

Among USM shares, **Circaprint** was suspended at 7p prior to the group announcing that it had appointed receivers after failing to agree additional borrowing.

Reed International fell 7p to 451p following a downgrading of profits by the company's own broker, Hoare Govett.

The prospect of another cut in base rates continued to buoy water shares with institutions attracted by their strong ratings. **Anglian** rose 5p to 308p, and there were gains for **Northumbrian**, 3p to 314p, **North West**, 10p to 307p, **Severn Trent**, 8p to 288p, **Southern**, 2p to 270p, **Welsh**, 5p to 350p, **Wessex**, 4p to 382p, and **Yorkshire**, 4p to 326p.

Coats Viyella, bidding 65p a share cash for rival **Tootal**, fell 5p to 157p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

New York

SHARE prices were eroded by mid-afternoon with blue chips falling. The Dow Jones was down 32.67 points to 2891.83. Traders said signs that the Federal Reserve had kept monetary policy unchanged, after weak March jobs data, had weakened stocks.

●Tokyo — Shares closed moderately firmer after a day of see-saw trade ahead of the American employment figures. The Nikkei average was up 77.52 to 26,767.33. (*Reuter*)

	Apr 5 midday	Apr 4 close
Abbott Lab	49⅝	49⅝
Aetna Life	47¾	48¼
Amoseas	17¾	18¼
Air Prods	56⅝	56⅝
Albertsons	47¾	48¼
Alcan Al	21	20⅝
Alco Stand	32	32¼
Allied Signal	28⅜	29¼
Alumin CA	64¾	65¾
Am Brands	42⅝	42¾
Am Cyanmid	52⅞	54
Am EPC	29⅜	29⅝
Am General	39⅜	40
Am Home	57⅜	58
Am Ind	99	100⅜
Am Medical	7¾	7¾
Am Stores	99⅜	99¾
Amax	25⅜	25⅝
Amer Hess	46⅝	46⅝
Ameritech	66⅝	67¾
Amoco	28⅝	29
Amoco	51¼	51⅞
AMP	51	52¼
AMR	59	59
Anheuser-B	51¾	53⅜
Apple Comp	70¾	71½
Archer-Dan	23⅜	23¾
Arkla	18¾	19
Armstrong	28⅝	29¼
Asarco	26⅛	26⅝
Ashland Oil	31½	31⅝
AT&T	34¼	34⅜
Atlan Richfld	125⅝	128
Auto DP	65⅝	65
Avery Intl	24¼	24½
Avon Prod	48¾	48⅝
Baltimore	28⅝	28½
Banc One	35⅝	35⅝
Bankamerica	37¼	37¾
Bard	24	24
Barnett Bk	24	24⅛
Bausch Lmb	82¼	82½
Baxter Intl	34⅛	35⅛
Bec Dickin	78½	79½
Bell Atlan	50¼	50¾
Bellsouth	51⅛	51⅝
Bhr Hughes	26⅝	28½
Black Decker	12¾	12¾
Block	53¾	54⅛
Brkrs Tst NY	43⅝	44¼
Boeing	48	49¾
Boise Casc	25⅛	25¾
Borden	37⅜	37⅝
Brist-Myer	77¾	78
Browng-Fer	27½	27
Burl Nth	29⅝	29¾
CAI	9⅝	9½
Campbell Sp	82⅝	83
Cap Cities	467	468
Capital HC	50¾	50½
Carolina	47¾	48
Caterpillar	47¾	48⅜
CBS	165¾	165¾
Central SW	46¾	47
Champion	25⅝	26
Chase Man	17¾	17
Chem Bnkg	19	19¼
Chevron	74⅝	75⅛
Chrysler	13¾	13⅝
Chubb	73¾	75
Cigna	53¾	53¾
Cincorp	15⅝	16
Clorox Liz	48	47
Clorox	39⅜	39⅝
Cmwlth Edis	39⅝	39¾
CNA Fincl	65¾	67¼
Coastal	31	31
Coca-Cola	74½	75⅜
Colgate-Pal	79¾	80½
Colum Gas	43⅝	43⅝
Compaq	62¼	62¾
Conagra	43¼	44¾
Cons Edis	25⅝	25¾
Cons NG	41	42
Cons Rail	47	48
Cooper Ind	50	50¾
Corning	60	62¼
CPC Intl	85⅝	86
Crown Cork	70¾	71¼
CSX	36¾	37¼
Dana	30¾	30¾
Dayton-Hud	74⅜	75⅜
Deere	49⅝	49¾
Delta Air	69¾	71
Deluxe	29	29¾
Detroit Edi	28⅜	28⅝
Digital Eq	63¾	64¾
Dillard	108⅜	108
Disney	120½	120¾
Dominion	47⅞	48¼
Donnelley	47¾	47¾
Dover	40	40¾
Dow Cham	48¾	50¾
Dow Jones	25⅝	25¾
Dresser Ind	23¾	24
Du Pont	37¾	38¾
Duke Pwr	28⅝	28⅝
Dun Bradst	46⅝	47¾
East Kodak	42¼	42¾
Eaton	56¾	57¾
Emerson El	45¾	46
Enron	56	56¾
Entergy	23¾	24¼
Ethyl	29¾	30
Exxon	57¾	57¾
Fed NMA	46⅝	47¾
Fedrl Exprs	34⅝	34⅞
Fl Nonstar	16¾	17¾
Fluor	48¾	49¾
FMC	35¾	37¾
Ford Motor	31⅜	31⅜
FPL	30⅜	30⅝
First Chicago	24	24
Fst Interstate	31¾	31½
Fst Union	20⅝	21
Gannett	40⅜	40½
Gen Cinema	23⅜	23⅜
Gen Elec	70⅝	71½
Gen Mills	58	58½
Gen Motors	37¾	37½
Gen RE	100⅝	101½
Gen Signal	43¾	43¾
Genentech	26⅝	26⅝
Genuine Pts	37½	37¾
Georgia-Pac	42¾	42¾
Gillette	78⅜	80⅜
Goodrich	42¼	42⅝
Goodyear	22⅝	23⅛
Grace	30¼	30⅜
Greyhound	32¾	32⅞
Gt Atlantic	89⅜	90⅝
Gt Western	17⅜	17⅝
GTE	32	32⅛
Halliburn	44	43½
Heinz	40	40⅝
Hercules	43	43⅝
Hershey Fd	41⅛	41⅞
Hewlett Pkd	50⅜	52
Hilton Hd	40¾	41
Home Depot	54¾	56½
Homestake	15⅝	16¼
Honeywell	57¾	59
Houston Ind	36⅜	36⅝
Howkld Intl	46¼	46⅞
Humana	49¾	51⅝
IBM	112⅝	113¾
IF&F	79¾	79⅝
Illinois TW	54⅝	56
Inco	34¾	34⅝
Ingsll-Rand	44⅞	45⅝
Inland Steel	19½	19⅝
Intel	48¾	49¾
Intl Paper	56½	56⅝
ITT	58	58⅝
James Rivr	27¾	27⅝
Johnsn Jhsn	93¾	94¾
K Mart	41¼	41¼
Kellogg	93¾	94⅜
Kerr-McGee	41	41⅜
Kimbly-Clrk	86⅝	86⅝
Knight-Ridr	50¾	51¼
Lilly	82¾	83¾
Limited	27¾	28⅛
Lin Bncsrp	69¾	69⅝
Lincln Nat	53⅜	52⅞
Liton Ind	84¾	85¾
Lockheed	43¾	43¾
Louis-Pac	32	32
Manu Hano	26⅝	26¼
Marriott	18⅝	18¾
Marsh Mclen	84	84¼
Martin Mar	56	56¾
Masco	22½	23
May Dept	55¾	55¾
Maytag	14¼	14⅜
McDnl Doug	40¾	41¼
McDonalds	35¾	35⅝
McGraw-Hill	80⅝	58⅞
Mcl Corn	25⅜	25⅝
Mead	29⅝	29⅝
Medtronic	117⅝	121⅜
Mellon Bk	27½	27¾
Melville	52	53
Merck	108¾	108¾
Merl Lynch	36	36¾
MMM	89¾	89⅜
Mobil	64¾	64¾
Monsanto	57¾	57¾
Moore	25¾	25¾
Morgan	47¾	48⅛
Motorola	57¾	58⅜
Nat Medical	49¾	50
Nat Semi	7¾	7¾
Nat Service	26¾	26
Navistar	4	4
NCNB	39¾	38¾
NCR	96¾	97¾
NED Bncp	38⅝	39¾
Newmnt Min	35¾	36⅜
Niagr Mhwk	14¾	14¾
Nike	44¼	43¾
NL Indstrs	12¾	13¾
Nordstrm	36	36¼
Norflk Sthn	44¾	44¾
Norwest	25⅞	26
Nthn St Pwr	34¾	34¾
Nthn Telcm	31½	32⅛
NY Times	22¾	22¾
Nynex	72¼	73¾
Occid Petri	17¾	17¾
Ohio Ed	19	19¾
Oracle Sys	10¾	11
Oryx Energy	32¾	32¼
Pac Emt	38	38
Pac Gas Elec	26¾	26¾
Pac Telesis	41¾	41¾
Pacstar	38¾	38¾
Pacificrp	22⅝	22⅝
Pall	34¾	35¼
Paramount	38⅞	40
Parker-Hanin	24¾	24⅝
Pennzoil	52⅝	54¼
Peoples	72¾	73¾
Pepsico	33¾	34
Pfizer	57¼	57¾
Philips Pet	27	27¼
Philips Elec	19⅝	20
Phip Morris	87¾	88¾
Philps Dodge	63	64
Pitney Bow	56¾	56¼
Plcr Dome	14¼	14¼
PNC Fncl	30¾	31¾
Pnhdle Estn	14¼	14¾
Polaroid	23¾	23¾
PPG Inds	47¾	48¾
Procr Gmble	85¾	85¾
Price	53	52
Primerica	31¾	31¾
Pub Service	27¾	27¾
Quaker Oats	58½	59½
Ralston Pur	58¾	59¾
Raychem	61¾	62¼
Raytheon	81¼	82¼
Reebok	22¾	23¾
Roadway	49	49¾
Rockwell	27¾	27¾
Rohm Haas	41½	39¾
Royal Dutch	77¾	78¾
Rubbermaid	59¾	62¼
Rynids Intl	55¾	56⅝
Safeco	42¾	42¾
Salomon	39¾	39¾
Sant Fe Pac	7¾	7¾
Sara Lee	41¾	41¾
Schlmbrgr	38⅝	38⅝
Schring-Ptgh	57¾	57¾
Scott Papr	39¾	40
Seagram	86¾	86⅝
Sears Rbk	34¾	34¾
Sherry Pac	24¼	25¾
Shrwn-Wllms	23¾	23¾
Skyline	17	17¼
Smkp-on Tk	30⅝	30¾
Southern	29	29¼
St Paul	73¾	74¼
Stanley Wk	34¾	35
Stone Cntr	14¾	14¾
Sun Co	30⅝	32
Sunbst Bk	27¾	28
Super Valu	27¾	28⅜
SW Bell	53¾	54¾
Symbs	82¾	83¾
Synco	37	38¾
Tandem	14	14¾
Tandy	32¾	33½
Tele-comm	17	17¼
Teledyne	20¾	20¾
Temple-In	37¾	38
Tennecо	42¾	43¾
Texaco	63¾	63¾
Texas Inst	41¾	42¾
Texas Util	36¾	36¾
Textron	39¾	40
Time Wrnr	111½	111½
Times Mirr	29¾	29¾
Timken	25¾	25¾
Torchmark	56	56¾
Toys R Us	27¾	28⅜
Trans Wrld	25¾	24¾
Travelers	24½	24½
Tribune	42¾	42¾
TRW	37½	38
Tyco Lab	47¾	48⅜
UAL	147¾	149¾
Un Camp	42¾	42¾
Un Carbide	17¾	17½
Un Pacific	73¾	73¾
Unilever	67	68
Unisys	5¾	5¾
Unocal	24½	25
Upjohn	47½	47¾
US West	39¾	39¾
Usair Gp	18¾	18⅝
USF&G	9¾	10¾
US Life	38	38
UST	44¾	48
USX	31¾	31¾
Utd Tech	49¾	49½
Utd Telcm	24½	24¾
VF	25¾	25¾
Wal-Mart	40¾	41¼
Walgrn Co	39¾	39¾
Wells Fargo	75¾	78¾
Westg Elec	28¾	28¾
Weyerhsr	24¾	24½
Whirlpool	36¾	39
Whittman	12¾	13¾
Winn-Dixie	38	38¼
Woolworth	33¾	33½
Wrigley	62	62¾
Wrnr-Lamb	76¾	77¾
Xerox	57¾	58¾

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
INSURANCE				
Street, London EC1V 4QE				
	14.94	15.73	+0.04	..
	15.16	15.96	+0.29	..
	15.85	16.69	+0.41	..
	14.42	15.18	+0.37	..
	14.73	15.51	+0.25	..
	13.82		+0.09	..
	13.35		+0.09	..
	18.86	19.86	+0.06	..
	19.15	20.16	+0.32	..
	20.21	21.28	+0.45	..
	17.46	18.38	+0.32	..
	17.16	18.06	+0.27	..
	18.1		+0.1	..
	18.0		+ ..	..
Mixed	180.0	191.8	+0.77	..
rst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
1 Inc	268.9	283.1	-0.1	..
	437.1	460.2	..	..
ncome	134.0	141.1	+0.2	..
	169.6	178.9	+0.2	..
	539.4	578.4	+0.7	..
	305.4	321.5	+0.6	..
	345.3	363.5	-0.1	..
	161.5	170.2	+0.5	..
	429.9	452.7	+0.4	..
	270.8	284.9	+0.5	..
	270.4	284.7	+0.5	..
3or 4	254.9	268.4	+0.5	..
4	229.5	348.1	+0.5	..
4	332.7	350.3	+10.4	..
or 4	155.1	164.4	+1.2	..
	302.1	318.1	+0.1	..
, Potters Bar				
	£11.69	12.31	+0.19	..
Accum	358.8	377.4	+5.0	..
	388.5	408.9	+2.7	..
Acc	276.9	291.4	+3.5	..
	615.7	457.5	+4.5	..
Acc	229.3	340.3	+3.2	..
	279.5	294.3	+3.7	..
d Acc	230.9	243.0	-0.9	..
	331.9	349.3	+4.5	..
c	766.3	828.7	+9.5	..
S ASSURANCE				
1EL				
ccum	308.8	326.2	+0.6	..
	£10.08	10.58	+0.01	..
	302.4	320.0	-0.1	..
1	305.1	315.9	+0.8	..
1	422.2	444.5	+0.6	..
	784.5	826.5	+14.2	..
s	367.7	734.5	+19.1	..
	348.9	368.4	+0.4	..
ium	512.6	539.9	+0.6	..
ium	226.6	241.7	-0.5	..
ium	122.7	129.2	-0.6	..
AGEMENT LTD				
rd Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
) 833 550				
	208.9	217.9	+2.07	..
	134.2	139.9	..	..
	300.5	315.9	+1.34	..
	182.2	189.9	+0.98	..
	188.2	196.3	+0.89	..
	140.6	432.1	+7.55	..
s	245.3	258.5	+4.91	..
s, London EC4 6JS				
	622.2	656.0	+10.3	..
	457.4	481.5	+2.3	..
	270.3	284.6	+2.7	..
	361.9	212.8	..	..
	388.5	408.9	+4.5	..
	283.7	298.7	+4.5	..
	241.7	254.5	+4.5	..
	179.9	189.3	+0.58	..
	275.9	288.5	+0.57	..
	205.6	216.5	+0.1	..
	181.9	191.5	+0.1	..
	139.5	146.7	+1.5	..
	144.4	152.0	+1.5	..
	110.9	116.7	+1.3	..
	248.8	258.2	+5.5	..
	186.3	196.2	+2.7	..
	314.9	331.5	+4.5	..
	332.7	350.2	+3.5	..
2	351.4	348.8	+6.8	..
	248.8	261.9	+0.7	..
	347.5	367.9	+7.3	..
	295.5	311.1	+8.4	..
	199.9	210.5	+0.7	..
n	185.7	195.9	+3.1	..
	104.9	110.5	+1.6	..
	92.3	99.7	+0.9	..
w Chatham Kent ME4 4JF				
	578.79		+8.44	..
	581.8	612.4	+9.69	..
	530.5	558.4	+11.51	..
	360.4	379.4	+4.57	..
	483.5	519.8	+8.88	..
	468.2	493.9	-15.85	..
	369.2	388.6	+4.35	..
	276.3	290.9	-1.69	..
	199.1	192.8	-0.38	..
	289.4	298.3	+2.60	..
	184.2	172.8	+2.60	..
	167.1	165.4	+4.74	..
	181.9	170.5	+1.88	..
	87.39	91.97	+0.31	..
	306.7	324.9	+0.31	..
1	232.0	244.2	+1.47	..
	238.5	249.1	+0.38	..
	369.0	378.6	+5.82	..
	169.4	167.8	+1.44	..
	318.0	338.4	+3.88	..
	156.4	152.0	..	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CANADA LIFE				
3-4, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	199.8		-0.5	..
Managed	266.2	280.9	+0.5	..
Property	177.8	187.3	+1.4	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	171.5	180.7	+0.5	..
Index-Linked	148.9	156.7	+1.5	..
Equity	266.2	279.2	+1.4	..
Cash	163.9	163.7	+0.5	..
Midland Bk UT	204.4	221.5	+1.9	..
Midland Bk Int	251.5	264.8	+3.3	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympia Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	98.0	103.7	+0.5	..
Equity Units	194.62		+1.20	..
Property Units	227.84		+0.59	..
Bal Ed Bond Unit	548.32	91.18	+0.49	..
2nd Equity Accum	482.3	510.4	+5.8	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	480.8	508.8	+5.5	..
2nd Property Accum	255.9	270.8	-1.3	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	137.8	145.9	+0.5	..
2nd Managed Acc	348.0	368.5	+3.5	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	160.7	170.1	+0.1	..
2nd Deposit Accum	238.9	249.6	+0.5	..
2nd Gilt Accum	222.2	235.1	+1.5	..
2nd Amer Accum	377.5	399.9	+1.3	..
2nd Int Money Ac	199.5	211.2	-0.4	..
2nd Index Accum	143.5	151.9	+0.7	..
2nd Far East Accum	319.2	337.9	+0.7	..
2nd Global Accum	108.8	114.9	+1.2	..
2nd Euro Accum	121.4	128.5	+2.0	..
2nd Japan Accum	179.5	189.5	+3.3	..
2nd Heritage Acc	71.7	75.9	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	110.0	116.4	-1.2	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Stanley House, 926, Amesbury Blvd,				
Cnd Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-505101				
Property Fund	207.2	218.1	..	..
Money Fund	312.8	329.1	..	..
Managed Fund	441.7	465.0	..	..
Equity Fund	251.8	265.1	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	175.6	184.9	..	..
Far East Fund	367.3	407.7	..	..
Nth Amer Fund	111.7	117.5	..	..
Nat Resources Fund	336.0	348.5	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290508				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	208.5	219.5	+3.9	..
Ruby	112.1	118.0	+1.4	..
Emerald	111.6	117.5	+0.6	..
Equity	248.9	262.0	-5.7	..
Property	165.0	169.7	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	151.5	159.5	+1.5	..
Indexed Secs	129.8	136.6	+1.5	..
Cash	164.4	162.9	+0.1	..
Nth American	144.2	151.8	+1.1	..
Far East	189.5	209.5	+3.1	..
International	156.2	157.8	+2.1	..
Special Sits	210.5	221.6	+3.3	..
Int Income	215.6	227.0	+3.5	..
American Inc	125.6	132.3	+1.6	..
European	219.4	231.0	+4.1	..
Pacific	226.4	131.0	+4.5	..
SE Asia	182.7	192.4	..	..
Home Inv WP Reg	122.4	128.8	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	122.4	128.8	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	214.3	225.6	+4.5	..
Equity	261.6	275.8	+4.5	..
Property	165.6	164.2	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	169.2	178.2	+0.1	..
Index Linked	139.6	147.0	+0.1	..
Cash	161.8	202.0	+0.5	..
Nth American	158.2	177.4	+1.2	..
Far East Acc	229.5	240.7	+2.7	..
International Acc	184.5	204.6	+2.7	..
Special Sits	284.3	299.9	+3.7	..
European Flex	277.5	292.2	+3.9	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
36 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
071-248 9861				
CML U Asia/Key	197.45		..	..
CML U Asia/Pacific	252.82		..	..
CML U Am/Cash	172.7	181.8	+0.30	..
CML U Am/Equity	415.6	437.5	+0.86	..
CML U Am/FI	248.9	262.0	+0.52	..
CML U Am/Managed	303.6	319.5	+0.62	..
CML U Am/Prop	304.7	320.7	-0.67	..
CML/PanpCash Cap	169.7	169.4	+0.35	..
CML/PanpCash Inv	238.3	242.7	+0.50	..
CML/PanpEquity Cap	£11.32	11.91	-0.05	..
CML/PanpEquity Inv	£14.28	15.02	-0.06	..
CML/PanpFixed Cap	272.4	286.7	+0.58	..
CML/PanpFixed Inv	366.4	385.6	+1.36	..
CML/PanpIntnl Cap	172.6	181.8	+0.39	..
CML/PanpIntnl Inv	223.2	234.9	+2.50	..
CML/PanpMan Cap	451.7	475.5	-1.56	..
CML/PanpMan Inv	581.1	611.7	-1.59	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
071-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (6)	489.34		..	..
Var Ann (5)	78.04		..	..
Prime- Managed	282.7	297.5	+3.6	..
Prime- UK Equity	348.9	367.2	+4.5	..
Prime- Int Equity	198.3	208.8	+2.2	..
Prime- Property	177.4	186.6	..	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	170.8	179.6	+3.9	..
Prime- Index-Linked	133.8	140.8	+1.2	..
Prime- Cash	170.4	179.4	+3.8	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE				
071-242 9080				
Managed Fund	539.1	563.2	..	..
Equity Fund	£12.66	12.72	..	..
PIP Fund	£39.159		..	..
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0845 717272 (Limited)				
Managed Acc	68.39	65.89	+0.50	2.29
Int	92.11	98.07	+0.38	1.39
Div/Gth	51.56	54.88	+0.54	5.47
Global Gth Sec	51.20	54.48	+0.07	1.84
Ethical	43.63	46.43	+0.38	2.76
High Inc Equity	141.4	150.49	+1.3	6.65
Worldw Bond	204.2	218.4	+0.2	6.83
Gilt/Fixed	113.2	120.19	+0.3	9.59
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 632601 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833699				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD Tel: 071-374 6801				
Am Inc/Gth	28.41	30.21	+0.17	2.65
Euro	72.65	77.22	+0.41	0.20
Euro Inc	75.79	79.94	+0.50	1.54
Exempt	784.1	792.19	+4.9	2.94
Extra Inc	40.83	44.09	+0.12	5.66
F/E Emerg Ec	51.83	55.59	+0.43	1.15
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar, Dunbar Way, Swindon SN1 1EL. Tel: 0793 514014 dealing0793 610396				
High Inc	388.2	392.19	+1.7	5.04
Equity Inc	201.2	214.3	+0.9	5.17
High Yield	213.4	227.3	+1.3	6.07
Balanced	545.8	577.2	+4.4	3.27
Am Inc	32.48	34.59	-0.15	4.19
World Am Val	31.74	33.80	--	1.51
Japan	139.9	147.7	+1.9	0.01
Sec of Am	293.7	312.7	-0.6	0.35
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capit	90.55	97.28	+0.77	3.71
Euro Gth Inc	83.27	88.44	+1.01	1.22
Extra Inc	96.15	105.09	-2.01	6.10
General	201.7	215.79	+1.9	3.83
Gt/Fxd Income	80.81	92.69	+0.26	10.26
Inc Trust	447.9	479.9	+4.0	5.94
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 6000				
Amer Gth	83.99	87.69	+0.14	0.50
Am Sm Cos	89.48	79.21	+0.53	0.00
Australia	53.65	57.57	+0.54	1.00
Convertible	48.54	50.29	+0.58	8.40
East	130.6	139.3	+0.4	1.28
Equity Inc	93.38	95.51	+0.53	4.50
Euro Gth	170.5	182.1	+0.9	2.70
Euro Smlr Cos	152.6	162.6	+0.8	1.26
Exempt	68.82	70.79	--	4.66
Gension Gth	46.28	48.08	+0.07	0.00
Global Gth	90.64	95.95	+0.44	0.10
Jap Gth	167.4	179.5	+1.9	0.00
Jap Sunrise	140.2	150.09	+1.3	0.00
Portfolio	158.1	165.59	+0.46	3.70
Do Acc	158.1	165.59	+0.9	3.70
UK Growth	57.96	61.55	+0.52	3.66
UK Smlr Cos	71.15	76.09	+0.55	3.40
Select Man	53.39	56.79	+0.44	2.40
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3122				
Balan Gth Acc	75.97	80.46	+0.55	3.19
Do Inc	72.57	76.89	+0.53	3.19
Global Bond	22.57	23.83	--	9.04
High Yield Acc	41.85	44.56	+0.06	4.49
Do Inc	33.24	35.59	+0.05	4.49
Inc Gth Acc	65.89	70.15	+0.5	4.39
Do Inc	61.43	65.43	+0.50	4.39
Service Co Acc	85.83	70.51	+0.87	1.95
Do Inc	63.33	67.73	+0.54	1.95
Am Gth Acc	31.51	33.70	+0.20	1.51
Do Inc	30.02	32.07	+0.29	1.51
Euro Gth Acc	26.82	28.69	+0.06	1.55
Do Inc	26.32	28.15	+0.06	1.55
Managed Port	25.00	29.74	+0.09	0.89
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Fleetbourn Rd, Heywards Heath Tel: 0444 458744				
Financial	121.4	129.39	+0.3	3.85
Smlr Cos Acc	180.5	204.89	--	0.00
Do Inc	113.3	128.59	-0.2	0.00
High Inc	70.98	75.57	+0.45	5.78
Income	108.8	111.69	+0.2	4.86
Man Portf Inc	65.03	68.55	+0.62	4.20
Do Acc	154.9	164.9	+1.6	2.20
Nth Amer	71.87	77.16	+0.58	0.28
Orient	108.3	116.5	+1.4	0.36
Exempt	269.2	305.3	+1.1	4.04
Recov	36.34	39.03	+0.4	0.00
Gearmen	35.25	37.79	+0.79	0.11
Intl Recov	28.00	29.82	+0.58	0.00
Europa	26.65	28.92	+0.11	0.51
Conv Genrl	19.30	20.53	+0.09	0.28
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4632 Dealing 01-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	55.45	58.99	+0.44	2.44
Do Acc	59.76	63.61	+0.47	2.44
Inc Fund 3	173.5	184.9	+0.7	5.36
Do Acc 3	360.7	383.7	+1.5	5.36
Inv Port Inc	54.75	58.27	+0.23	4.66
Do Acc	59.12	61.19	+0.49	2.88
Smlr Inc 5	99.07	105.4	+0.29	3.32
Do Acc	112.8	120.0	+0.4	3.32
Hi Inc Prt Inc	48.75	50.49	+0.32	6.89
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-488 7218				
Slit Gt Pcd Int	60.23	61.10	+0.07	7.49
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5080				
Environ	108.9	110.6	+1.3	2.12
UK Growth	115.9	122.4	+0.9	2.54
UK Income	108.7	115.6	+0.4	5.48
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876				
CE Gth	49.35	52.78	+0.71	2.18
Growth	39.66	42.42	+0.43	4.06
Income	49.71	53.17	+0.54	6.55
Far East	39.69	42.45	+0.17	0.82
Nth Amer	47.94	51.27	+0.59	0.58
Global	35.52	38.00	+0.24	1.57
European	62.09	66.41	+0.46	1.40
Japan	100.5	107.5	+0.6	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.9	52.3	+0.5	2.98
Ind Currency	45.44	48.17	+0.18	8.01
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Poultry Street, Manchester M2 8AF Tel: Enquiries 061-236 5685 Dealings061-236 8305				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	96.53	92.06	+1.21	0.29
Do Acc	91.96	97.69	+1.40	0.29
European	57.82	61.29	+0.07	1.53
Do Acc	58.94	62.51	+0.07	1.53
F East/Gen	51.28	54.56	+0.19	0.00
Do Acc	51.28	54.56	+0.19	0.00
Glenfalre	224.3	238.79	+0.8	2.66
Do Acc	243.1	258.79	+0.8	2.66
Growth	288.0	306.49	+0.4	3.41
Do Acc	468.5	498.49	+0.8	3.41
Inc &Gth Inc	236.6	257.1	+1.9	5.07
Do Acc	407.5	433.5	+2.1	5.07
Master Portf	626.89	87.59	+0.46	3.03
Do Acc	291.51	98.35	+0.49	3.03
Spec Sits	83.91	87.59	-0.18	3.26
Do Acc	71.13	75.68	-0.21	3.26
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	210.95	11.62	+0.05	5.80
Do Acc	211.28	11.52	+0.06	6.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 7 Rumsey Rd, Broadstairs, London EC3M 4HU Tel: 071-626 6365 071-929 6363				
Amer Index	139.9	149.3	-1.1	2.93
Capit	483.5	464.59	+2.5	4.01
Euro Index	108.1	114.8	+0.6	2.15
Euro Growth	71.39	76.19	+0.08	2.50
Far East S S	97.48	72.01	+0.39	0.91
Gold Gen S S	58.58	60.17	+0.08	5.15
Income	143.7	675.29	+1.1	5.35
Intl Gth	81.94	88.10	+0.07	2.12
Jap Index	66.22	70.57	+0.43	0.17
N Amer	297.1	306.39	+1.9	1.77
Tiger Index	91.88	98.33	+0.74	0.00
UK Index	109.1	116.3	+0.3	4.08
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 6708				
Amer Port	54.54	58.34	-0.15	2.43
Euro Port	45.85	48.57	+0.72	2.28
Jap Port	57.46	61.51	+0.59	2.99
Pacific Port	58.84	62.46	+0.28	2.99
Port	58.84	62.46	+0.46	7.11
UK Inc/Gth				
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH of ENGLAND				
2, Pine Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-388 1815				
Inv	517.0	553.2	::	5.43
Fixed Int	137.0	137.79	::	10.75
Deposit	100.0		::	12.75
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
3, Pine Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-388 1815				
Income	496.0	498.79	::	5.69
Acc	517.25	17.409	::	12.75
Deposit	100.0		::	10.48
Fixed Int Inc	110.8	110.89	::	--
Do Acc	119.0	119.28	::	--
CHINA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 199 Beckenham Kent BR3 4RN Tel: 081-663 3030				
Gen Gth	81.29	86.92	+0.51	1.53
1992 Euro Spc	80.80	85.01	+0.20	1.54
Intl Inc	85.29	89.81	+0.51	3.42
NAm Gth	48.62	51.99	+0.51	1.48
Pacific Gth	76.42	81.79	+0.53	1.29
UK Gth Acc	86.34	92.01	+0.46	2.88
Do Inc	78.54	81.85	+0.46	2.88
UK Income	84.50	88.97	+0.24	6.52
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5999				
Assets	48.72	51.29	::	3.84
Blue Chip Gp Ac	60.90	62.74	::	5.55
Frter Hse Inc	171.7	182.0	::	5.21
Frter Hse Cap	199.8	211.7	::	2.85
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Dealing 081-686 8818				
Am Gth	71.42	75.99	+0.50	2.24
Euro Gth	80.67	85.82	+1.07	1.53
Far East	72.74	77.39	+0.73	0.57
Inc	86.37	89.39	+1.53	5.11
Do Acc	76.78	81.69	+1.51	5.11
Jap Gwth	36.02	38.32	+0.60	0.00
Monthly Inc	42.20	44.89	+0.18	10.12
Private Inv Pt	63.03	66.05	+0.62	4.20
Do Acc	56.36	62.11	+0.40	5.29
Profess Inv Pt	59.50	62.28	+0.73	2.84
Prog Inv Pt	58.35	59.96	+0.90	3.47
Smlr Cos Inc	29.7	31.6	+0.1	3.66
Do Acc	31.51	33.51	+0.1	3.66
UK/Gen Inc	82.65	86.66	+0.51	4.10
Do Acc	70.82	75.13	+0.35	4.10
W'wide Bond	94.00	98.39	+0.11	5.64
W'wide Sp Sits	45.78	48.39	+0.56	1.26
Do accum	47.24	50.52	+0.58	1.26
Quilter Gen Inc	108.7	110.44	+1.17	0.02
Quilter Int Acc	99.30	105.6	+1.07	5.42
Quilter Int Acc	102.8	108.3	+1.9	1.04
COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT				
(Formerly Regnt Trust Fund Management)				
Finance/Prop	88.35	93.98	+1.02	3.36
Fixed/Conv	33.79	35.95	+0.15	10.73
Do Acc	76.44	81.32	+0.34	10.73
Equity Acc	152.6	162.3	-0.62	5.66
Do Inc	274.0	291.5	-1.1	5.66
High Yield Inc	107.8	114.7	+1.21	8.72
Do Acc	362.5	385.7	+3.67	8.72
Intl Inc	93.39	99.39	+1.39	1.80
Do Acc	93.39	99.39	+1.39	1.80
Preference Inc	37.67	40.39	+1.40	10.89
Do Acc	169.3	176.09	+8.94	10.89
PPT Canada	46.55	48.34	+0.31	0.00
PPT Continent	52.73	53.99	+0.37	0.00
PPT Europe	125.2	133.2	+1.55	0.91
PPT Global	86.46	90.06	-0.10	4.16
PPT Gold	30.62	32.47	+0.26	0.00
PPT Japan	44.92	47.62	+0.29	0.00
PPT HK	45.45	48.35	+0.52	1.75
PPT Jap	108.4	113.2	+0.53	1.26
PPT Shig/M	67.81	71.93	+0.51	0.00
PPT US	85.17	89.4	+1.48	0.00
PPT UK	95.05	101.1	-1.17	1.37
PPT Cash	80.22		+0.02	13.59
W'wide Alpha	62.85	66.69	+0.66	0.00
Do Accum	64.45	68.59	+0.66	0.00
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876				
CE Gth	49.35	52.78	+0.71	2.18
Growth	39.66	42.42	+0.43	4.06
Income	49.71	53.17	+0.54	6.55
Far East	39.69	42.45	+0.17	0.82
Nth Amer	47.94	51.27	+0.59	0.58
Global	35.52	38.00	+0.24	1.57
European	62.09	66.41	+0.46	1.40
Japan	100.5	107.5	+0.6	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.9	52.3	+0.5	2.98
Ind Currency	45.44	48.17	+0.18	8.01
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Poultry Street, Manchester M2 8AF Tel: Enquiries 061-236 5685 Dealings061-236 8305				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	96.53	92.06	+1.21	0.29
Do Acc	91.96	97.69	+1.40	0.29
European	57.82	61.29	+0.07	1.53
Do Acc	58.94	62.51	+0.07	1.53
F East/Gen	51.28	54.56	+0.19	0.00
Do Acc	51.28	54.56	+0.19	0.00
Glenfalre	224.3	238.79	+0.8	2.66
Do Acc	243.1	258.79	+0.8	2.66
Growth	288.0	306.49	+0.4	3.41
Do Acc	468.5	498.49	+0.8	3.41
Inc &Gth Inc	236.6	257.1	+1.9	5.07
Do Acc	407.5	433.5	+2.1	5.07
Master Portf	626.89	87.59	+0.46	3.03
Do Acc	291.51	98.35	+0.49	3.03
Spec Sits	83.91	87.59	-0.18	3.26
Do Acc	71.13	75.68	-0.21	3.26
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	210.95	11.62	+0.05	5.80
Do Acc	211.28	11.52	+0.06	6.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 7 Rumsey Rd, Broadstairs, London EC3M 4HU Tel: 071-626 6365 071-929 6363				
Amer Index	139.9	149.3	-1.1	2.93
Capit	483.5	464.59	+2.5	4.01
Euro Index	108.1	114.8	+0.6	2.15
Euro Growth	71.39	76.19	+0.08	2.50
Far East S S	97.48	72.01	+0.39	0.91
Gold Gen S S	58.58	60.17	+0.08	5.15
Income	143.7	675.29	+1.1	5.35
Intl Gth	81.94	88.10	+0.07	2.12
Jap Index	66.22	70.57	+0.43	0.17
N Amer	297.1	306.39	+1.9	1.77
Tiger Index	91.88	98.33	+0.74	0.00
UK Index	109.1	116.3	+0.3	4.08
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 6708				
Amer Port	54.54	58.34	-0.15	2.43
Euro Port	45.85	48.57	+0.72	2.28
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Pacific Port	58.84	62.46	+0.28	2.99
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UK Inc/Gth				
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH of ENGLAND				
2, Pine Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-388 1815				
Inv	517.0	553.2	::	5.43
Fixed Int	137.0	137.79	::	10.75
Deposit	100.0		::	12.75
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
3, Pine Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-388 1815				
Income	496.0	498.79	::	5.69
Acc	517.25	17.409	::	12.75
Deposit	100.0		::	10.48
Fixed Int Inc	110.8	110.89	::	--
Do Acc	119.0	119.28	::	--
CHINA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 199 Beckenham Kent BR3 4RN Tel: 081-663 3030				
Gen Gth	81.29	86.92	+0.51	1.53
1992 Euro Spc	80.80	85.01	+0.20	1.54
Intl Inc	85.29	89.81	+0.51	3.42
NAm Gth	48.62	51.99	+0.51	1.48
Pacific Gth	76.42	81.79	+0.53	1.29
UK Gth Acc	86.34	92.01	+0.46	2.88
Do Inc	78.54	81.85	+0.46	2.88
UK Income	84.50	88.97	+0.24	6.52
CRAMPTON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 0808				
Equity Dist	279.5	297.4	+2.22	3.40
Do Acc	279.5	297.4	+2.22	3.40
Euro Gth Dist	90.42	96.19	+0.73	0.76
Do Acc	91.45	97.29	+0.74	0.76
Fixed Int Dist	113.8	120.29	+0.26	9.51
Do Acc	113.8	120.29	+0.26	9.51
Int Gth Dist	92.59	98.58	+0.40	0.58
Do Acc	93.82	97.89	+0.41	0.58
N Am Dist	139.5	142.0	+0.66	1.30
Do Acc	141.4	150.4	+0.91	1.30
Pac Basin Dist	198.6	211.2	+1.05	0.21
Do Acc	200.3	213.0	+1.06	0.21
Stand Dist	241.6	257.0	+1.72	2.47
Do Acc	271.3	288.9	+1.92	2.47
Stand Inc Dist	206.8	220.0	+1.46	4.65
Do Acc	80.13	85.97	+0.25	4.65
Nam Stand Dist	86.88	71.16	+0.48	0.42
Do Acc	70.16	74.86	+0.52	0.42
DT UNIT MANAGERS				
5th Floor, 6 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YD Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 8431				
Am Sp Sits	79.73	85.29	+1.70	0.00
UK Cap Inc	148.2	158.4	--	3.39
Do Acc	148.2	158.4	--	3.39
Do Spec Sits	49.82	53.29	+0.40	2.29
Euro Fund	104.6	111.99	+0.74	7.21
Intl	178.1	191.89	+0.8	1.31
US/Genrl	93.57	100.1	+0.58	0.00
Jap & Genrl	369.9	396.29	+9.2	0.00
Far East/Gen	188.5	196.2	+1.0	1.21
Euro	323.2	346.79	-1.5	0.00
Germany	94.38	101.2	+0.16	0.00
Intl Inv	54.08	57.81	+0.65	5.61
W'wid Spec Sit	79.02	84.82	+0.86	1.64
Global Prp Inc	47.04	50.46	+0.04	3.27
Do Acc	48.34	51.85	+0.05	3.27
Smlr Cos Div	41.23	44.10	+0.02	6.13
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 527888				
Orient Op Acc	60.18	64.02	+0.36	1.32
Japanese	56.51	59.08	+0.01	0.00
UK Balan Inc	96.5	101.6	+0.5	3.43
Do Acc	109.2	118.0	+0.6	3.43
UK Gth Accum	154.1	165.8	+0.8	2.18
UK Hi Inc	116.8	123.2	+0.5	5.84
UK Hi Inc Acc	119.9	127.5	+0.6	5.84
N Amer Acc	72.2	73.09	+0.70	1.19
Euro Acc	103.9	110.5	+0.7	0.25
UK Gt/Fi Inc	95.06	98.45	+0.21	8.16
Do Acc	76.51	80.97	+0.29	8.16
Intl Sp S Acc	49.19	52.76	+0.29	0.57
Emrgng Opp	89.82	96.91	+0.42	1.41
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
4th, Hertington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7281				
Endurance	144.8	154.1	+1.7	2.34
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431466				
Equitable Pelican	109.2	115.0	+0.23	4.66
High Inc	112.3	118.2	+0.02	6.04
Gth/Fixd Interest	49.18	51.77	+0.01	9.45
Gt Dr Inc Tr	110.9	116.8	+0.17	3.53
Spec Sits	99.31	104.4	+0.24	4.17
N Am	71.19	74.97	-0.08	1.34
Far East	170.8	180.5	+0.49	0.00
Intl Gth	74.38	78.16	+0.24	0.00
Smlr Cos	96.22	99.18	+0.24	5.09
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 559291				
UK Gth Accum	268.1	274.8	+1.3	3.46
Do Inc	197.0	209.6	+0.9	3.46
Higher Inc Acc	480.3	488.7	+2.1	5.06
Do Inc	311.8	331.6	+1.5	5.06
Gilts/Fixd Acc	128.7	140.89	+0.5	9.52
Do Inc	90.03	96.09	+0.23	9.52
N America	158.9	168.1	+1.4	0.60
Far East	268.6	241.1	+1.1	0.70
Europe	268.5	285.2	+1.1	0.30
Gensit	333.6	376.29	+1.5	3.51
Genrl Acc	368.0	389.49	+2.0	3.51
Pr Excellence	54.11	57.37	+0.27	3.34
Pr Assts Inc	76.01	80.54	+0.37	5.20
Pr Assts Acc	88.88	72.99	+0.39	5.43
Global Ops	56.35	59.95	+0.42	0.52
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	182.5	191.3	+1.0	0.00
Cash Unit	127.29		+0.03	13.50
European	98.61	105.3	+0.45	1.11
Gilt/Fxd	132.2	141.8	+0.5	8.85
Inc Plus	112.5	120.7	+0.7	6.51
UK Gth	51.77	55.52	+0.21	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse Princess Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000				
Euro Income	90.17	95.62	+0.12	7.10
Far East	129.6	139.1	+0.7	0.62
Oriental Income	68.28	70.59	+0.19	3.70
UK Gth	98.2	104.1	+0.5	2.91
UK Inc Fund	111.1	118.8	+1.1	5.51
US Smlr Cos	124.1	132.7	+1.7	0.00
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3PT Tel: 071-374 4100				
Am Smlr Cos	248.7	269.1	+4.0	--
Do Acc	254.0	274.9	+4.0	--
Am T'md Inc	282.0	294.5	+8.4	--
Do Acc	271.7	295.2	+8.5	--
Capit Inc	228.1	238.29	+1.5	3.69
Do Acc	228.1	238.29	+1.5	3.69
Cont Smlr Inc	42.65	45.70	+0.14	1.57
Do Acc	42.65	45.70	+0.14	1.57
Conv Inc	104.2	110.9	+0.6	7.77
Do Acc	171.8	182.7	+1.1	7.77
Euro Inc	88.58	95.11	+0.08	0.75
Do Acc	90.05	96.65	+0.09	0.75
Extra Inc Inc	252.0	268.0	+0.8	5.85
Do Acc	252.0	268.0	+0.8	5.85
Financial Acc	69.17	67.19	+0.60	1.29
Do Inc	61.75	65.66	+0.53	1.29
Inc Trust	167.0	177.6	+0.6	5.61
Do Acc	208.5	221.7	+0.7	5.61
Intl Gth	222.2	237.7	+2.8	--
Do Acc	246.7	264.9	+3.1	--
Jap & Gen Inc	139.4	148.89	+1.5	--
Do Acc	157.8	168.59	+1.7	--
Managed Inc	76.67	80.79	+0.52	1.77
Do Acc	76.67	80.79	+0.52	1.77
Monthly Inc	125.6	134.89	+0.7	5.64
Recov	202.6	215.39	+1.1	1.46
Do Acc	233.3	253.4	+2.0	1.46
Smlr Inc	41.07	43.89	+0.13	4.43
Do Acc	44.59	47.39	+0.14	4.43
Gilt Gth Inc	87.78	93.39	+0.04	8.52
Do Acc	87.78	94.59	+0.05	8.52
Gilt Inc Inc	68.76	57.50	+0.64	10.40
Do Acc	63.28	66.39	+0.03	10.40
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing0722 414411 Admin0722 411822				
Equity Dist	278.5	297.4	+2.22	3.40
Do Acc	278.5	297.4	+2.22	3.40
Euro Gth Dist	90.42	96.19	+0.73	0.76
Do Acc	91.45	97.29	+0.74	0.76
Fixed Int Dist	113.8	120.29	+0.26	9.51
Do Acc	113.8	120.29	+0.26	9.51
Int Gth Dist	92.59	98.58	+0.40	0.58
Do Acc	93.82	97.89	+0.41	0.58
N Am Dist	139.5	142.0	+0.66	1.30
Do Acc	141.4	150.4	+0.91	1.30
Pac Basin Dist	198.6	211.2	+1.05	0.21
Do Acc	200.3	213.0	+1.06	0.21
Stand Dist	241.6	257.0	+1.72	2.47
Do Acc	271.3	288.9	+1.92	2.47
Stand Inc Dist	206.8	220.0	+1.46	4.65
Do Acc	80.13	85.97	+0.25	4.65
Nam Stand Dist	86.88	71.16	+0.48	0.42
Do Acc	70.16	74.86	+0.52	0.42
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
5th Floor, 6 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YD Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 8431				
Am Sp Sits	79.73	85.29	+1.70	0.00
UK Cap Inc	148.2	158.4	--	3.39
Do Acc	148

No excuses left for power sale

roblems with the Scottish electricity share sale have already begun. Too many le, apparently, are showing terest in the sale of the two ish electricity companies, ish Power and Hydro-Elec- for the registration lines to After all the practice with t privatisations, protestat- of surprise that so many are sted, are not an adequate nse.

e Scottish Electricity share mation office advises people ing to register to buy shares, ite a letter or clip a coupon f their newspaper and post w do they know that there e enough people to empty mail sacks if the share mation office is already oaded?

e 200 lines are busy from to 11pm and potential in- rs even report difficulties g through at 3.30am. When et through, they invariably a recorded message telling that there is no one to deal their calls. The share information office said that the response has exceeded expectations and that it is: "actively working on increasing the number of lines available". This alone will not provide the answer. New operators have to be trained, a spokeswoman said, and those who staff the phones in the week have already been asked to work at weekends as well.

The information office said that there is still plenty of time to register. Investors who registered for previous privatisations know better. If they leave it until all the extra lines are in and a new team of operators is trained, they may hit the peak for registrations in the few days before the anticipated deadline in mid-May.

Calls are apparently taking longer than with previous privatisations because the operators are asking callers to spell their names. This might explain why there are still dissatisfied investors who have been waiting for cheques and certificates for the 12 English distribution companies since before Christmas. Others who registered for National Power and PowerGen received their application forms too late.

Only those who register will get the bonus shares or reduced instalments. With National Power and PowerGen only those who managed to register got any shares at all.

The spokeswoman stressed that there were no technical difficulties with the telephone system, other than that it was overworked. The address for those unable to get through by phone is PO Box 1001, Glasgow G73 1YY.



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Tax axed

One of the unfairest taxes has finally been axed. Composite rate tax took from the poor and gave to the rich. Those whose incomes were below the tax threshold still had the tax deducted from savings and could not reclaim it. Taxpayers were charged the lower composite rate tax and if they were basic rate taxpayers, had nothing else to pay.

The system had to be reformed to stop billions of pounds flooding offshore when independent taxation was introduced. Building societies and banks argued it was no use giving married women a tax allowance if they could not use it to set against their savings.

Unfortunately, it appears that the saving public are slow to appreciate the new system which begins today. Basic rate tax will be automatically deducted from interest unless the account holder has registered as a non-taxpayer. Then they will get their interest paid without deduction of tax.

Building societies and banks report that far fewer accounts have been registered for gross payment of interest than they would have expected by now. Every household should have been sent a leaflet explaining the new system. Now is the time for non-taxpayers to fill in the attached application forms and take them to banks and building societies, before any interest is credited to accounts.

Even the Inland Revenue wants all the people who qualify for gross interest to register. Less tax may be collected but it also means the administration costs should be lower than if the majority waits and reclaims overpaid tax.

Banks and building societies will be able to pay interest gross retrospectively, but it will be much easier for all concerned if people register before any interest is paid. The best way to celebrate the end of this unfair tax is to make sure the new system is used by anyone who can benefit. Children, women who receive no pay, students and pensioners should be the main beneficiaries. They must register now.

Mortgage misery for thousands ith top-up loans

Barbara Ellis reports on the high interest rates being charged to some buyers

YERS who took cent mortgages at of the housing 988 are now being a mortgage rate of ent on the top-up loans. Thousands lly borrowed from Bank have just rate jump from ent.

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on, Ms Orfin ncial Bank loan as never more our percentage points above the main building society mortgage rates.

Her first indication that her mortgage had changed hands came last October in a letter from Peter Carroll, a director of Provincial Bank, informing her of the transfer to Top-Up Mortgage Services, a month after the event.

The next communication was a letter from Top-Up Mortgage Services, dated March 8: "Interest rates have been at a very high level, but we maintained the mortgage level hoping for substantial cuts in money market rates. Inter-bank interest rates have shown only a modest decline and we are unable to absorb these increases."

The letter then indicated Ms Orfin's new monthly payment in money terms only – 20 per cent higher than before – without mentioning the interest rate.

Ms Orfin said: "I wrote to them saying that the increase was unfair when market rates all over Europe are coming down and due to come down further. I asked them to reconsider."

Top-Up Mortgage Services' reply, dated March 21, said the interest rate on the mortgage was variable on seven days' notice and that the loan was a second mortgage, not comparable with first mortgages because of the higher risk profile. "The rate charged on your account with effect from April 1 will be 22.125 per cent," it said.

Ms Orfin's approach to John Charcol met with a similar lack of success.

Mr Darby said: "Unfortunately the people concerned are in a difficult position." Most of the Provincial Bank top-up mortgages had been taken out in 1988. Properties bought then on 100 per cent loans were unlikely still to be worth that 100 per cent amount, which closed off the escape route of remortgaging.

Mr Darby conceded that his firm's clients had been led to believe in conversation, though not in writing, that the Libor plus 3 per cent pricing policy would continue: "I am afraid to say that is fair comment."

At Provincial Bank, Mr Carroll said that there had been a lot of reaction to the rate increase by Top-Up Mortgage Services.

"I am telling them that the mortgage is no longer our asset and we have to refer them to Top-Up Mortgage Services," he said. "We are not in a position to do anything."

Top-Up Mortgage Services, incorporated in January 1988, is owned by the TAF Group, formerly Tiphook Associated Finance, and David Massie. TAF Group is owned by Tiphook plc, Caversham Trustees, of Jersey, and David Massie. Companies House records show Mr Massie's nationality, business occupation and date of birth as "N/A" – not available.

Last April, Top-Up Mortgage Services was served with a striking-off notice under Section 652 of the Companies Act. However, the notice was withdrawn in May after action by the company.

Mr Massie said he was surprised that the Companies House file did not carry information on him, as this had been filed by his legal department. His nationality is British, his passport states his occupation as "banker" and he is aged 35. He said that the striking-off notice was a technicality relating to an oversight that caused late filing. This was quickly rectified.

Mr Massie declined to answer questions about the size of the mortgage book bought from Provincial Bank, or the number of people involved, saying the matter was governed by a confidentiality clause in the purchase agreement with Provincial. He referred questions back to Provincial.

He said that the rate increase was effected to bring Top-Up Mortgage Services' rate in line with other lenders.

Pippa Rudsepp, at Chase de Vere's mortgage division in Bath, called 22.125 per cent "absolutely phenomenal: more like a personal loan rate than a mortgage".

Mr Massie said that his company had conformed with the obligations it had under the mortgage deeds when notifying customers of its rate change.

"If any specific customers have particular difficulties or will be caused particular difficulties by the rate increase, then, as a responsible lender, we encourage them to contact us at the first opportunity and try and deal sympathetically with their case," he said.



ALAN WELLER

Fluctuating fortunes: foreign currency mortgages have left Patrick Nafzger threatened with repossession and facing losses of £100,000

The high cost of foreign currency

By LIZ DOLAN

TWO years ago, Patrick Nafzger decided to take advantage of the low interest rates available on foreign currency mortgages. He now faces losing his home, and says the affair has cost him £100,000.

Mr Nafzger bought his home in 1984 and decided to remortgage it, in January 1989, to bring in "a bit of working capital".

Royal Trust (Isle of Man) offered to lend him £210,000, which, at the time, was 60 per cent of the value of his home. The loan was initially in Swiss francs, at an interest rate of 8.5 per cent.

He said: "It all went so well at first. It was so low compared with what I would have had to pay in sterling."

Mr Nafzger, who converts houses for letting, decided to remortgage all his other properties, by the same route and in April 1990, he remortgaged five flats and a house with the Royal Trust's branch in Cannon Street, London.

The mortgage on Mr Nafzger's home had allowed him to switch into other currencies at any time. But the new loan required him to give three month's notice.

Things then started to go wrong. He says a three-month wait before switching from the Swiss franc into the American dollar cost him £43,000. The Isle of Man branch suggested he turn over the house loan to a currency management company which switched his loan into Japanese yen, at Y260 to the pound. "Over three months it fell to Y290. The original £210,000 loan had jumped to £240,000," he says.

The bank revalued his home. It had fallen from £360,000 to £275,000 and the loan, now £254,000, was way over the 70 per cent trigger point at which the bank could insist on converting the loan to high interest sterling.

Now threatened with repossession and huge losses, Mr Nafzger is hoping to save something from the mess in a meeting with the bank next week.

Royal Trust says it never discusses individual cases, but it advises people who want to take out a foreign currency mortgage to take advice first.



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Watchdog unmasks investment cowboys

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

TWO investment groups have been declared in default, enabling their investors to make claims from the Investors' Compensation Scheme. Meanwhile, the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) has also published a guide that it hopes will prevent investors from losing money.

The two firms in default are Levitt Group, which collapsed in December, and Hersham Rowley, an agency stockbroker, which went into liquidation early last year. Investors can claim up to £48,000 from the scheme.

Compensation can only be claimed when one of the 28,000 investment firms authorised under the Financial Services Act is involved. However, SIB gives warning that investors should not rely totally on the regulators when parting with their money.

The new SIB guide, *How to Spot the Investment Cowboys*, says that, first of all, investors should check with the central register on 071-929 3652 whether a firm is authorised, what sort of business they can undertake and if they can accept money.

The most important quality that investors can employ is common sense, the guide points out. People are warned to be wary if a rate of return offered seems higher than anyone else is offering. A wide berth should be given to special schemes run by advisers with no documentation and of whom the investor has never heard. Advisers who do not ask questions about an investor's financial position and other investments should not be trusted, nor should anyone advising that all a client's existing investments should be cashed in.

Investment advisers with an expensive lifestyle out of scale with the business should be avoided. Plausible and charming salesmen who are not explicit as to what the investment involves are also a danger, says the guide.

Also to be avoided are salesmen who insist that the investment must be taken advantage of immediately.

A guarantee is only as good as the person who gives it. The compensation scheme will not pay out on guarantees. This means that if a 15 per cent return is promised by a firm that becomes insolvent the guarantee will not commit the scheme to pay at that level of return. Once money has been handed over investors should receive a receipt. This should confirm that the investment has been made. Regular reports should also be given.

However, people should be nervous if their investments seem to be doing well when everything else is doing badly. Another danger sign is when an adviser suggests regularly changing investments. This earns commission that will eat into the performance.

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Pension penalties rule out early retirement

By LIZ DOLAN

TOO many people are sold pensions by over-eager sales people who are more interested in the size of their commissions than whether their clients are buying the right policy in the first place, according to Professional Life, a non-commission paying life assurance company.

This is one of the reasons why a disturbingly high number of pension contracts lapse after just a few years. Regular premium pension contracts last for an average of just six-and-a-half years, according to figures supplied by the six top pension providers to the trade department in 1989. A substantial proportion lapse within five years. One of the problems with the majority of pension plans is that they do not allow holders to change their minds about their likely retirement ages.

A Mori poll for Professional Life found that 64 per cent of people in full time employment would like to retire early, but only 22 per cent feel that they will be able to do so.

This discrepancy is largely due to the fact that many people cannot afford to retire before the normal age. But crippling penalties levied on those who retire before the official date of their pensions does nothing to alleviate the situation, said a spokesman.

LETTERS

Hotels charged twice on card

From Professor Rosamond McGuinness

Sir, In the autumn I attended two conferences, both held at very reputable hotels in the USA, one in New Orleans and the other in Oakland, California. Both hotels were the official conference hotels. Before leaving each hotel, I paid my bill using my Mastercard.

A month or so after the original debit appeared on my statement, another debit for each hotel appeared: ie both hotels charged me a second time, though a different amount.

I can only assume that the carbon from my first transaction was used for the second, fraudulent transaction, and that the hotels assumed that I would not pick up the second charge on my statement. As a matter of fact, in the case of one hotel, I did pay the charge until the one came from the second hotel and I checked back.

In both cases, after a letter to each manager and to the Chamber of Commerce of both cities, the money was credited back to my account. What I find extraordinary is that two, not simply one, hotels, double charged me. Fortunately, I had kept both the bills and the receipts for the original transaction.

Yours faithfully,
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Mr M.V. Brayshaw

Sir, I must have dialled 0 414 1414 to register for Scottish share issue some times – at all times of day night. When it doesn't give engaged signal. I am c nected to a recorded lady w thanks me for calling Scottish Electricity Share formation Office and tells to try again later. How muc BT making out of this m trick?

Yours faithfully,
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Uncivil service

From Mr B. Bottomley

Sir, Mr H.C. Honeyt (Weekend Money, le March 16) strikes a chor had a similar experience · a calculation by the In Revenue relating to hi rate tax assessment. My l of enquiry produced, aft delay of six weeks, a rev calculation with an end r some £500 less than original, but without a cc ing letter or any other for apology or explanation. commercial concern w display such arrogance.

A possible explana might be that for the In Revenue to write a would leave a record o file, and that this would n in the appraisal of the iciency of the tax offic some more highly ranked eaucrat of the so-c "Civil" Service.

Yours faithfully,
B. BOTTOMLEY,
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Two-tier banking

From Mr N. Hudspith

Sir, It is with increasing annoyance that I am regularly confronted by adverts in the daily press, which extol the virtue of having a Girobank Keyway account, which is currently paying 7 per cent net on a balance of £1 or more.

My mother, who is 80, had had her industrial widows pension paid into a Girobank current account for a number of years and has not earned one penny interest.

I made enquiries about changing her account over to the interest bearing Keyway, as her account has never been below £100, but discovered on reading the rules, that she is prejudiced against having a Keyway account because she does not have an income of £300 per month going into her account.

My mother and many like her, are being discriminated against because of their financial status and yet they are subsidising the interest the bank is paying to its better-off clients who are eligible for a Keyway account.

I have written to Girobank about their two-tier banking and financial discrimination, but they have not had the decency to reply.

Yours faithfully,
N. HUDSPITH,
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Denton Burn,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Paying over the odds on mortgage

From R. Colegate

Sir, In his letter (Weekend Money, March 30) Mr Peter Munday, of Nationwide Building Society, says: "Your suggestion appears to be that . . . we are being unfair to our existing borrowers and offering them uncompetitive rates. This is not the case . . . In fact, our existing borrowers are just about to benefit from the earlier rate reductions we have announced which come into force from 1st April."

In a letter dated March 1991, written by Mr Laurie Young, mortgage accounts manager of Nationwide, I was told that "since the effect of the change . . . would be relatively small, the society does not therefore propose that you alter the amount of your current mortgage payment."

I am not aware that I have been "offered" the rate I am now required to pay.

When I first took the mortgage out, in March 1972, I was told that I would have to pay an enhanced rate of interest (8.2 per cent) because the amount (£12,500) was unusually large. It seems that I now have to pay over the odds because I am not a new customer and the amount is small.

Mr Munday claims that his company's present position makes sense and is inde development to be er aged." I am glad I have few more months to go.

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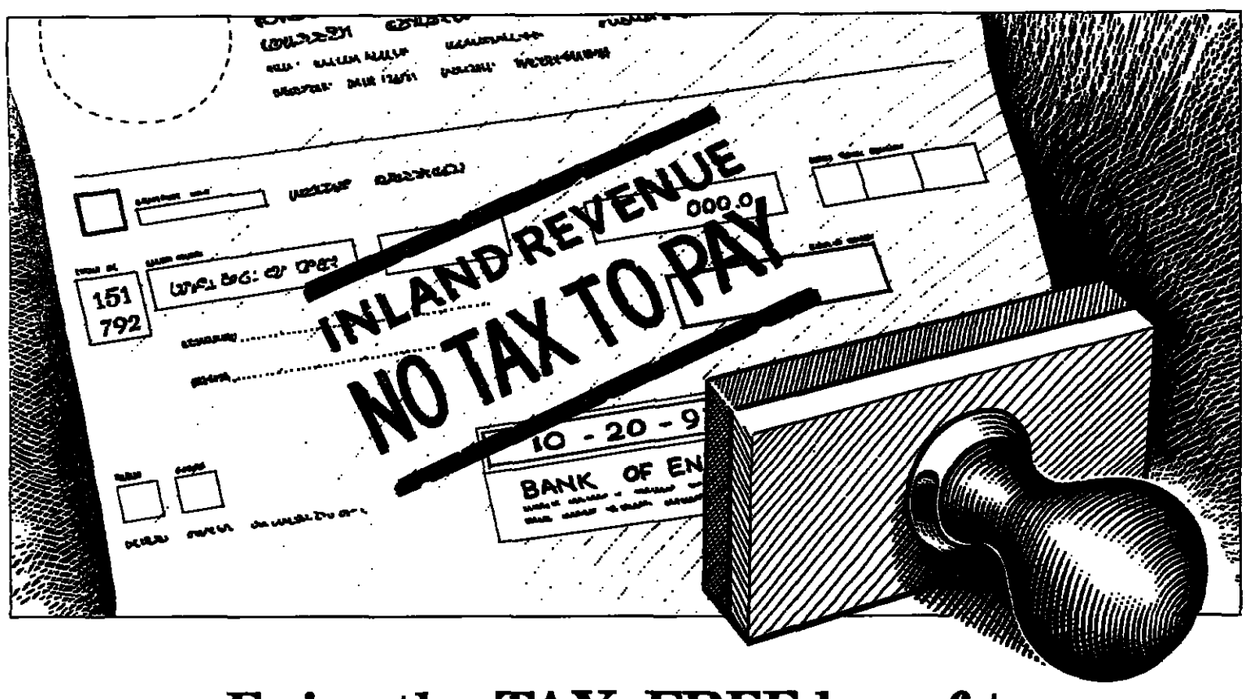
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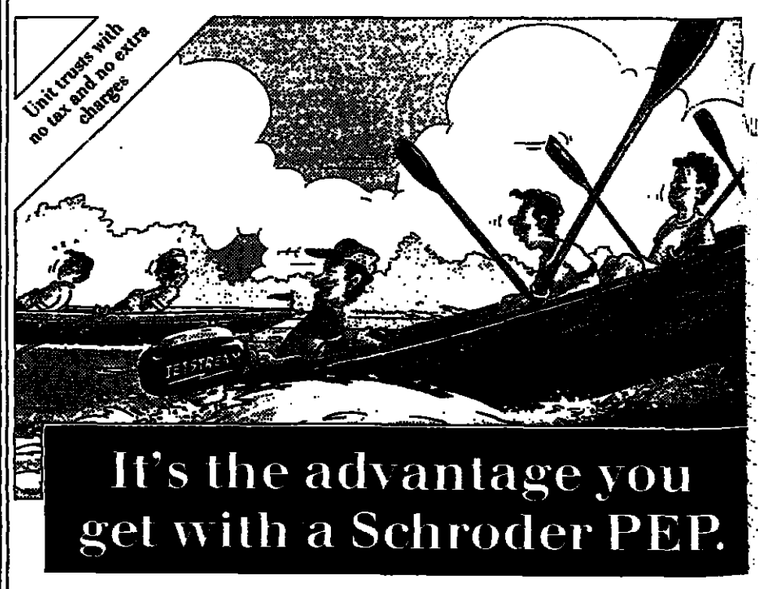
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LINDSAY COOK
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Taxing time: Inland Revenue staff at work in Southampton on unit trust dividends

Today, 15 million people who pay no tax on their savings. At the same time interest rates for taxpayers have been cut by 3 per cent.

Yet almost half the country's taxpayers have done anything about benefiting from the abolition of composite rate tax announced in last year's Budget. This is in spite of the fact that each household in the country has been sent a leaflet on how the complicated system of taxing savings will work, further leaflets by every bank and building society and a £5 million television campaign.

Instead, people are loaning money to the government £350 million more for the year 1991-2 because they have not yet registered their account to receive gross interest. They will now face a long wait as the Inland Revenue officials struggle to deal with the expected claims of up to 8 million non-taxpayers after the end of next year.

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Those people whose total income including their personal tax allowances for 1991-2 cannot exceed will receive gross payment of interest on part of their income which is below the tax threshold. They will have to wait to claim back overpaid tax. This is because savers have several sources of income which must eliminate one account before payment and others can be deducted.

Ultimately the loss of income tax by non-taxpayers will be made up by additional revenue collected from taxpayers, who now have 25 per cent of interest automatically deducted from their income on their savings before the 22 per cent basic rate of tax rate. For it to be repaid however, every single taxpayer will have to claim back overpaid tax.

Millions of people and married couples in the total taxable income must be less than £3,445 to qualify for gross interest. Married men can earn £4,020 and this rises to £4,180. Pensioners aged between 65 and 75 can earn £4,375 and above 75 the earnings limit is £4,540.

The figures to the Inland Revenue show that many people have confused the £3,445 ceiling on pensioners' income limits for poll tax purposes with the amount they can earn and register for gross interest. Both these limits are substantially higher than the personal allowances.

Inland Revenue research suggests that 4.5 million savers have already lodged their claim forms with banks and building societies. Up to half a million more are on the point of doing so and a further 2.5 million have started filling in the forms but have not completed them.

A spokesman for the Inland Revenue said it had always been expected that up to 8 million people would claim back overpaid tax at the end of the financial year rather than register for gross payment.

Many of these would be near their tax threshold. Others would be eligible for a refund on only part of their income and would, under the rules, have to wait for this. A further number would be children who are receiving more than £100 interest on money given to them by a parent. Such money from parents cannot earn interest gross.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said that interest earned on money given to children by other people would qualify. He suggested that children with more than £800 in savings from each parent should put that in one account and their other money in another which could have the interest paid gross.

Savers can be fined up to £3,000 for falsely claiming gross interest on savings accounts. There is still a lot of confusion as to who can qualify. Many people who rely solely on income from savings in banks or building societies, may regard themselves as non-taxpayers because they have had the tax deducted at source and had no further money to pay. It is the amount of total income that counts, rather than the fact that previously they have not paid tax directly to the Revenue.

Only taxable income should be counted. War widows need not count their pensions and most disability pensions escape tax. State retirement and widow's pensions are taxable. National Savings certificates are tax-free but the gross-paid investment account and income bonds are paid gross and need to be counted towards the total.

The first 12 months' benefits under private sickness insurance policies and friendly society sickness and disability benefits are non-taxable income. Student grants are not taxable nor is income from scholarships. Statutory maternity pay is taxable but the maternity allowance is not. Statutory sick pay is taxable but sickness benefit is not.

At the Halifax Building Society only 27.2 per cent of children's accounts have been registered and 7 per cent of total accounts. More than 90 per cent of children are likely to qualify and it is expected about 30 per cent of savers will be able to register or claim back tax on their savings.

The Halifax, with most other building societies, Abbey National, Lloyds Bank and TSB, will allow couples to have the interest split on joint accounts held by a taxpayer and non-taxpayer. This will allow the non-taxpayer to earn interest gross. So far only a "relatively small number" of savers have asked for this facility.

Anyone who has worked in this country during the past three years needs to supply their National Insurance number when applying for gross interest. An Inland Revenue office at Bootle has been set up to trace these numbers for savers.

Some of the 24 offices being set up at a cost of £165 million in 1991-2 to make refunds are already operating. Initially they are dealing with refunds on share and unit trust dividends. Those non-taxpayers who have had tax of £50 or more deducted can reclaim it immediately. Others have to wait until the end of the tax year. The number of non-taxpaying share and unit trust holders is estimated at 2 million and is expected to increase to 4 million as a result of independent taxation and privatisations.

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Co-op bank to abolish secret credit ratings

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CO-OPERATIVE Bank customers will soon be able to feel safer, knowing that no one is prying into their affairs. From June, the bank will abolish unauthorised credit references.

Many bank account holders are unaware that banks have the authority to give out credit references on them to other banks. They do not have to inform a customer they have sent out a reference, or even disclose its contents.

Banks are asked for a reference when a customer applies for a credit card or a loan, say. The reply is made in a variety of standard phrases. The best reference is contained in the single word "undoubted". Whereas a warning might be phrased by a manager as: "I cannot account for your figures."

The system has developed over more than a century, and allows banks to avoid perpetual bad debtors. References have many legitimate uses, but Terry Thomas, the managing director of the Co-op Bank, is one of the first senior bankers to admit they are being abused by people and companies who want access to private financial information.

The Co-op receives between 120,000 and 150,000 requests for references each year. Mr Thomas estimates this will fall by up to half once the bank introduces its new system.

Wealthy customers could be particularly at risk. A good credit reference may identify them as a potential customer for a wide range of products and services, exposing them to high pressure salesmen.

From June 3, the Co-op will only write a reference if it receives a written request from the customer. A copy will also go to the account holder.

This fulfils one of the recommendations of the Jack Report on banking practice. This and several other parts of the report were rejected by the banks last year when they published their code of practice. The final form of the code has been delayed after objections from consumer groups.

The change does not cover the use of "black" information on bad debtors. The Co-op will continue to give out the names of customers with bad debts more than 28 days old to credit rating agencies.

Mr Thomas says, due to strong public demand, his bank will steadily introduce all 28 sections of the Jack Report as a new customer charter in the next 18 months. He hopes the new service and greater confidentiality the Co-op offers will increase the bank's new business. The bank next plans to stop any unauthorised use of its customers' names and addresses.

Other banks may be forced to follow the Co-op's lead if they decide that consumer demand is strong enough.

The Co-op has a history of innovation in financial services. In 1972, it was the first bank to quote APRs on its personal loans while other banks printed lower percentage rates. This initially lost the bank business but APR quotations became mandatory in the Consumer Credit Act in 1974. More recently, the Co-op was the first bank to offer interest on current accounts.

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Ombudsman condemns use of nurses as insurance spies

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE use of "disability counsellors" to make unannounced calls on people claiming income from insurance policies was questioned by the insurance ombudsman this week.

Dr Julian Farrand, in his annual report, said that disputes involving permanent health insurance and other policies that pay out when a policyholder is permanently or temporarily disabled, often centred on whether the person was actually disabled.

Insurers do not want to pay if a person is fit for work. Some companies use private detectives, but it is the use of trained nurses as "counsellors" that has caused most concern. They usually call upon the claimant without appointment, to check on claim validity.

People who have complained to the ombudsman are angry about what they see as attempts to catch them out. They say counsellors gain claimants' confidence by failing to disclose that they are acting for the insurer.

After considering several cases, Dr Farrand ruled that the companies were entitled to make such enquiries and to give the counsellors confidential information about the policyholders, but their role must be made clear at the outset. He said: "It is undesirably deceptive for claimants to be encouraged to discuss their medical condition with someone who they have been led to believe is independent."

He said: "Before an insurer appoints a 'disability counsellor', proper consideration should be given to whether this is more likely to be helpful than harmful in the circumstances of the claimant."

Dr Farrand said: "Some policyholders get very upset. If the disability is related to a nervous condition they may become worse because of such a visit."

He has, therefore, ruled in several cases that although the claimants have not suffered any financial loss as a result of such visits, they should be compensated for the "upset and distress" caused by the companies involved. Awards of several hundred pounds have already been made.

The maximum compensation for distress was awarded to a driver who was issued with an invalid insurance certificate. As a result, he was prosecuted and convicted through no fault of his own. He was awarded £3,000 by the ombudsman.

The ombudsman handled more than 1,900 cases last year and awarded a total of £1.27 million to 600 of the claimants. He is based at 31 Southampton Row, London WC1B 5HJ. Telephone: 071-242 8613.



Farrand: disabled checks unfair



Haswell: rebuffed complaints

New approach may lift premium

By BARBARA ELLIS

DR JULIAN Farrand has in several areas taken a pro-policyholder line that completely contradicts decisions made by James Haswell, his forerunner. However, people rejected under the old regime will not be able to have their cases re-opened.

Paradoxically, the most immediate result of this new approach may be higher premiums and tighter wording of policies.

The ombudsman's terms of reference, published for the *first time this week, appear to* allow him scope to intervene with companies on premiums and underwriting. Mr Haswell remarked in his last report that "a contract of insurance is a contract of . . . utmost good faith." He added: "The principle works both ways, but inevitably there are more instances where it is required of the insured person than of the insurer."

Dr Farrand agreed that this was numerically so, but noted: "It sometimes seems forgotten that this duty of utmost good faith must be borne by insurers, too."

Calling for fair dealing at all stages, he said insurers should abandon their "completely improper" practice of deliberately offering policyholders *less than they are entitled to*, for example, on lost property or a written-off car.

People who complained to Mr Haswell about deductions for capital gains tax from the proceeds of insurance bonds were fairly smartly rebuffed. He said in 1987: "I do not find my heart bleeding for those whose investments yield handsome returns in spite of the CGT deductions."

However, Dr Farrand said that any company with literature promising a "small" deduction for capital gains tax should not deduct any more than 5 per cent of the unit value.

He also took an opposite view to Mr Haswell on accident depreciation, saying that policyholders should be *able to claim for* the reduction in value caused when a car or other property is repaired after accidental damage.

Dr Farrand said that people who had been rejected by Mr Haswell would not be ab go to him for a diff decision, but would be ab go to the courts, armed the numerous legal prece cited in his report.

Tom Roberts of Ge Accident, who is also c man of the Insurance budsman Bureau's board he did not expect re-op claims to take accou accident depreciation. said: "Once a claim is se it is settled."

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☐ *Welcome to the Investment House* is a free unit trust handbook published by Save & Prosper that explains documents, reports and statements and advises on how to find out the value of units, how income is paid and how to sell units.

☐ General Portfolic launched a serious policy that does not affi cover in the event of a A maximum £250,000 is payable 30 days afte nosis of a condition s cancer or heart attack.

☐ Churchill Insuranc direct response car ins company, is offering related legal assistance c £50,000 for £7 a year.

☐ The recovery of s companies on the stoc ket has prompted the of a smaller companie *folio by Sun Life.* Uni 25p until April 17. A m savings plan is availabl minimum investme £1,000, with a 1 pe discount in charges £5,000. The annual ch 1.5 per cent and the charge is 5.75 per cent offer price.

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BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.63	2.66	2.12	none/none	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.48	8.48	6.78	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	8.67	8.67	6.94	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	7.78	7.78	6.22	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Branch
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Midland	8.11	8.11	6.49	10,000-no max	1 mth	071-260 2805
" " "	7.97	7.97	6.38	10,000-no max	3 mth	071-260 2805
NatWest	8.06	8.06	7.45	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
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HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.98	8.29	6.63	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	7.35	7.56	6.05	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	4.90	5.00	4.00	2,500‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	6.96	6.96	5.58	1,000‡	none	051 966 2078
Lloyds HICA	3.38	3.43	2.73	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	7.13	7.25	5.80	2,000‡	none	——
NatWest Special Reserve	7.00	7.19	5.75	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	7.89	7.91	6.33	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	6.64	6.64	5.31	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	——
Best buy – largest socs:						
Nationwide Ang	8.25	8.25	6.60	1 min	none	——
Portman	9.56	9.56	7.65	500 min	none	——
Cheltenham & Gl	10.28	10.28	8.22	2,500 min	none	——
Yorkshire	11.50	11.50	9.19	20,000 min	90 day	——
Bristol & West	11.25	11.25	9.00	25,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy – all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	10.28	10.28	8.22	2,500 min	none	——
St Pancras	9.56	9.86	7.89	2,000 min	30 day	——
Norwich & Peter	10.53	11.24	8.99	10,000 min	90 day	——
West Bromwich	10.86	10.86	8.71	10,000 min	6 mths	——
Mercantile	11.50	11.50	9.20	5,000 min	1 year	——
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	4.99	5.05	4.04	25 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	6.19	6.19	4.95	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	3.38	3.38	2.70	1 min		balances
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Investment A/c*	12.25	9.19	7.35	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	13.50	10.13	8.10	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*☐	13.50	10.13	8.10		3 mth	041-649-4555
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Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
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Financial Ass	9.50	9.50	8.08	5,000 min,	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	9.30	9.30	7.91	5,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
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Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachmae:	310.00
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By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

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the two Mid- ottingham and with as much m as they can n Northampton being underdogs Franklins Gar- against Orrell. task is the best-supported ntry, they must toop Memorial overturn what team of inter- ey are to reach albeit in the id just that: they matched Harlequins try for try and recovered from a 19-6 deficit to win 27-22. "The pressure will be on the Harlequins — because they are the favourites, they are playing at home and they have internationals all over the place," Alan Davies, Nottingham's coach, said.

"But we have top quality players, people like Wayne Kilford at one end of the experience scale right up to Gary Rees at the other, who can further their ambitions." Kilford plays on the wing after the late withdrawal of Steve Hackney with strained knee ligaments and neutrals may think that Nottingham may need all their full backs — Hodgkinson, Kilford and Byrom — if they are to stem the multi-coloured Harlequin tide.

If Nottingham's recent form had been more encouraging, more hope could be held for them; but it has not and Harlequins, Cup winners in 1988, should achieve their second final.

Orrell are seeking their first Cup final appearance in what is their third semi-final: the first two were lost to London Scottish (1974) and Bath (1987) but since then the Lancashire club has overcome the inhibition of playing well away from home — as the West Country in particular has discovered.

They field the same XV that came away from Wasps with a 15-9 quarter-final win. Northampton know exactly how they will play, through Dewi Morris and the forwards before releasing an underrated back division; the problem is stopping them and their success or otherwise will hinge upon the back row and the speed with which Richard Nancekevill at scrum half adapts to a level of football with which he is unfamiliar.

Northampton have decided that Tim Rodber is more useful to them at flanker than lock — which means no place for the talented Phil Alston — but their lineout will have to work more than ordinarily well if Orrell are to be denied

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can be taken for these two meet. Kingsholm last he league and ough their interest division champ- nded, have local lay for.

They field Mike Teague on the flank rather than at No. 8, where Peter Miles is given the task of neutralising David Egerton, and Richard Mogg plays in the centre. Mogg retired from first-team rugby last season, but his form in the United has been such that Gloucester have no qualms putting him up against Jeremy Guscott.

In the second division, Coventry can join Rugby and London Irish at the top of the table if they beat Richmond, who give Douglas Elliott a league debut at stand-off half.

Women's game hoping to make converts in Wales

By ALIX RAMSAY

IT IS not often the men take a back seat to women in rugby, but today Steve Dowling will be happy to do so, watching nervously from the touchline at Cardiff as the England XV he coaches play Spain in their opening match in the women's World Cup.

Dowling became involved when one of the England internationals, Cheryl Stennett, joined his department at school. Now, after much hard work, he believes England can win the trophy.

"We've got a very good blend of talents," he said. "We've got a good pack and I'm sure we've got the best backs in the tournament. The captain, Karen Almond, is an outstanding player and tactician and Gill Burns, the No. 8, is very powerful."

France, New Zealand and the United States are tipped to provide the strongest opposition for England. "We believe the USA are strong and fit, but whether they are technically as able remains to be seen," Dowling said.

Brian Moore, the England and Harlequins' hooker, who helped with the final training sessions, was quickly converted to the cause of women's rugby. "I was very conscious at first of not being patronising," he said. "But I found after a very short time I didn't have to think about it. It was just like coaching any other team.

"I think people who go to watch with an open mind will be convinced in the first few minutes of the level of skill and commitment."

FIXTURES: Today: New Zealand v Canada (Glamorgan Wanderers, 1.0); France v Japan (Cardiff Harlequins, 2.30); United States v Netherlands (Pontypool, 2.30); England v Spain (Swansea St Helens, 2.30). Monday: Canada v Wales (Glamorgan Wanderers, 5.0); France v Sweden (Glamorgan Wanderers, 8.0); Netherlands v Soviet Union(Llanharan, 3.45); England v Italy (Llanharan, 5.45). Wednesday: New Zealand v Wales (Llanharan, 3.45); Japan v Sweden (Llanharan, 5.45); United States v Soviet Union (Glamorgan Wanderers, 5.0); Spain v Italy (Glamorgan Wanderers, 7.0). Friday: Semi-finals (Cardiff RFC, 6.0 and 8.0). April 14: Final (Cardiff RFC, 3.0).



No passing fancy: Sandy Ewing, left, and Cheryl Stennett, of England, aim to win the World Cup

A cup experiment which has upset some supporters

By GERALD DAVIES

IN A changing world one has to give in to more modern trends. The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), taking many commercial, marketing and television considerations into account, has seen fit to change the habits of a lifetime. Tomorrow afternoon, in a unique experiment, the Schweppes Welsh Cup semi-finals will be played consecutively at Cardiff Arms Park.

The first between Pontypool and Swansea will kick off at 1.30 and the other, Llanelli against Neath, at 3.45. The whole event will be transmitted live on BBC Wales television. What effect this dislocation will have on the pattern of club and player activity in future only time will tell. The WRU must also hope that the ground itself will stand up to the punishment, too.

There are those supporters, particularly in Neath and Llanelli, whose borough council has already written a strong letter of protest, who do not intend to travel as a mark of their objection to rugby being played on this scale on a Sunday. Tickets, however, according to the WRU have sold briskly.

Neath, like Llanelli, have delayed announcing their team but Neath hope that Glyn Llewellyn, their international lock, will be able to declare himself fully fit. A pelvic injury, which first caused him some problems in Namibia, has yet to clear up.

Neath are hoping to become the second side in the history of the competition to win on three successive occasions. The only other club to do so are their opponents tomorrow, who succeeded four times between 1973 and 1976.

And the only side to beat Neath in two of their finals is Llanelli. They lost in the inaugural year of the competition and also in 1988. Since then Neath have won 15 successive competition matches. But Llanelli are the only side this year to have beaten them in the Heineken League.

Swansea last played Pontypool in the cup in 1983 when they lost in the final. The only remaining member of that Pontypool team is today's captain, Chris Huish, the flanker. Bleddyn Taylor was also in that side but has since been playing for Swansea. Earlier this week Taylor, who has collected 11 tries in league matches this season, was chosen on the left wing ahead of Arthur Emyr, who was recalled last month to the Wales team to play France.

Day for the minnows

FINALS' season begins in earnest today when two of the more junior national competitions are concluded at Twickenham (Barry Trowbridge writes). As a curtain-raiser, under-15 teams from Bristol Grammar and Bedford Modern meet in the *Daily Mail* schools final (kick-off 1pm), then Bicester play Bradford Salem for the Provincial Insurance Cup (3pm).

The Provincial competition involved the 512 junior sides deemed to be at the bottom of the regional/county leagues of the Courage Clubs Championship, and although cash rewards have been on offer from the second round, the £1,000 that each club will receive for reaching Twickenham will be small change when compared to the kudos of the occasion.

Both sides are virtually guaranteed to finish as champions, of Bucks and Oxon II and Yorkshire III respectively, and with the exception only of Mark Heap, the Salem No. 8, neither has injury problems.

Heap fractured a bone in his hand last Saturday and a decision on his fitness is being delayed until this morning. Lee Draper stands by.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND'S RUGBY

FOOTBALL

Tennents Scottish Cup Semi-final
Dundee Utd v St Johnstone ..... (at Dunfermline)

B and Q Scottish League Premier division
Aberdeen v Celtic.....
Hearts v Dunfermline.....
Rangers v Hibernian.....

First division
Ayr Utd v Clydebank.....
Clyde v Forfar.....
Dundee v Morton.....
Falkirk v Brechin.....
Hamilton v Partick.....
Meadowbank v Airdrie.....
Raith R v Kilmarnock.....

Second division
Albion R v Queen of South.....
Alloa v Arbroath.....
Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park.....
E Stirling v East Fife.....
Montrose v Stirling A.....
Stenhousemuir v Berwick.....
Stranraer v Dumbarton.....

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Wokingham; Bishop's Stortford v Aylesbury; Bognor v Wivanhoe; Carshalton v Hendon; Dagenham v Kingstonian; Grays v Harrow; Hayes v Redbridge Forest; Marlow v Leyton-Wingate; St Albans v Staines; Windsor and Eton v Enfield; Woking v Barking. First division: Aveley v Metropolitan Police; Boreham Wood v Chalfont St Peter; Chesham v Yeading; Dorking v Worthing; Dulwich v Molesey; Harlow v Croydon; Lewes v Wembley; Slough v Walton and Hersham; Tooting and Mitcham v Hitchin; Uxbridge v Bromley; Whyteleafe v Heybridge Swifts. Second division south: Abingdon v Maidenhead; Camberley v Eastbourne; Chertsey v Petersfield; Egham v Banstead Athletic; Hampton v Cove; Harefield v Hungerford; Horsham v Feltham; Leatherhead v Flackwell Heath; Newbury v Malden Vale; Ruislip Manor v Epsom and Ewell; Southall v Bracknell. Second division north: Basildon v Berkhamsted; Collier Row v Barton; Edgware v Purfleet; Hemel Hempstead v Hornchurch; Kingsbury v Royston; Rainham v Tring; Setton Walden v Tilbury; Stevenage Borough v Finchley; Vauxhall Motors v Billericay; Ware v Clapton; Witham v Hertford.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Fleetwood; Chorley v Marine; Frickley v Horwich; Hyde v Gainsborough; Matlock v Bishop Auckland; Morecambe v Buxton; Mossley v Leek Town; Shepshed v Stalybridge; South Liverpool v Gooles; Southport v Droylsden. First division: Accrington Stanley v Warrington; Bridlington Town v Nesherfield; Emley v Irlam; Farsley Celtic v Caernarfon; Harrogate v Lancaster; Newtown v Alfreton; Rhyl v Eastwood Town; Whitley Bay v Curzon Ashton; Workington v Congleton; Worksop v Rossendale.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Bromsgrove; Chelmsford v Farnborough; Crawley v Burton; Dover v VS Rugby; Gravesend v Gloucester; Moor Green v Dorchester; Poole v Dartford; Waterlooville v Atherstone; Weymouth v Rushden; Worcester v Basiley. Southern division: Andover v Gosport Borough; Baldock v Yate; Buckingham v Corinthian; Bury v Canterbury; Dunstable v Burnham; Hastings Sudeley; Hythe v Erith and Belvedere; Margate v Newport, IoW; Salisbury v Ashford; Trowbridge v Fareham. Midland division: Alvechurch v Grantham; Barry v Sutton Coldfield; Bedworth v Hinckley; Dudley v Bridgnorth; King's Lynn v Bilston; Newport AFC v Stourbridge; Redditch v Radnesford; Spalding v Stroud; Tamworth v RC Warwick; Willenhall v Nuneaton Borough.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Wimbledon; Ipswich v Watford; Southampton v Norwich; West Ham v Portsmouth (2.00).

BASS IRISH CUP: Semi-final: Glenavon v Glentoran (at Windsor Park).

LONDON OLD BOYS LEAGUE: First division: Chertsey v Old Meadonians; C Manning Elgin Latymer v Old Kingsburians; Old Aloysians v Enfield; Old Ignatians v Norsemen.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon Utd v Alnwick; Gretna v Peterlee Newtown; Guisborough v Newcastle Blue Star; Northallerton v Consett; Murton v Whitby; Shildon v Seaham Red Star; South Bank v Durham; Stockton v Billingham Synthonia; Tow Law v Blyth Spartans; Whickham v Ferryhill Athletic.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Saltash; Chippenham v Exmouth; Liskeard Athletic v Tiverton; Mangotsfield v Otery St Mary; Paulton v Bideford; Plymouth Argyle v Weston-super-Mare; Radstock v Barnstable; Taunton v Welton; Torrington v Frome.

RUGBY UNION

3.00 unless stated

Pilkington Cup Semi-finals
Harlequins v Nottingham .....
Northampton v Orrell .....

Courage Clubs Championship First division
Gloucester v Bath .....

Second division
Richmond v Coventry .....

Third division
Roundhay v Askeans.....

Fourth division north
Stoke v Birmingham .....

Provincial Insurance Cup Final
Bradford Salem v Bicester ..... (at Twickenham)

Heineken Welsh League First division
Newport v Maesteg (2.30) .....

Club matches
Aberavon v Cheltenham (2.30).....
Birkenhead v Abertillery .....
Bristol v Bridgend .....
Ebbw Vale v Newbridge.....
Exeter v Plymouth A .....
Glamorgan Wndrs v L Irish (2.30) ...
Met Police v London Welsh.....
Newcastle G v Liverpool St Helens.
Pontypridd v Penarth (2.30).....
Sale v Moseley .....
Saracens v Leicester .....
Wakefield v Rosslyn Park .....
Wasps v Cardiff .....

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (in Wales).
UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Somerset v Hampshire (at Bath). Under-15 schools International: Wales v Scotland.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Bisley Office Equipment Merit Table: Havant v Henley; Maidenhead v High Wycombe; Marlow v Reading. ADT CLOS Merit Table: Old Dunstonians v Old Millhillians. Fullers Brewery Merit Table: Centaurs v Ealing; Staines v Grasshoppers. UNISYS Computer Seven Counties Merit Table: Sutton and Epsom v Askeans; US Portsmouth v Maidstone. Herts Merit Table: Stevenage v Old Albanians. Club matches: Alton v Farnborough; Bracknell v Kingsbulians; Bank of England v Bancroft; Barking v Ilford Wanderers; Basingstoke v Old Geytonians; Beckenham v Hastings and Bexhill; Bexley v Upton; Biggleswade v Bletchley; Bognor v Harrow; Camberley v Winchester; Canvey Island v PLA; Chelmsford v Brentwood; Chobham v Effingham; Citizens v Metropolitan Police; Cranleigh v Dorking; Crowborough v Hove; Deal v Cranbrook; Eton Manor v Cambridge; Fernham v Old Freemen; Folkestone v Thanet; Gravesend and v Old Beccehamians; Grove v Oxford Marathon; Guildford and Godalming v Portsmouth; Haberdashers v Old Tottonians; Harlow v Bishop's Stortford; Letchworth v Cheshunt; Marlow v Reading; Mitcham v Brighton; NatWest Bank v Old Olavians; Newbury v Old Merchant Taylors'; Norwich v Northampton Wanderers; Old Actonians v Barnes and Ipswiches; Old Ashmoleans v Welwyn; Old Bevonians v Antlers; Old Colfeians v Sidcup; Old Elizabethans v Mill Hill; Old Juddian v Bromley; Old Meadonians v Cranleighans; Old Midwhitgiftians v Warlinghams; Old Reigatian v Old Paulines; Old Reedonians v Old Haileyburians; Old Wilhian v King's College Hospital; Old Wimbledonians v Bec Old Boys; Park House v Purley; Redlingensians v Aylesbury; Seaford v Old Pilhamians; Southend v Leighton Buzzard; Tring v Buckingham; Tunbridge Wells v Canterbury; Twickenham v Barclays Bank; Uckfield v Reigate; University Vandals v Beaconsfield; Vigo v Darenth Valley; Wandsworthians v Civil Service; Westcombe Park v East Grinstead; West Norwood v Bury St Edmunds; Wembley v Feltham; Woodford v Oxford.

SOUTH WEST: Club matches: Aretians v Oldfield; Barnstaple v Devon and Cornwall Police; Bridgwater v Bournemouth; Blagdon v Southmead; Bristol Utd v Havant; Berry Hill v Bristol Saracens; Broad Plain v Old Ashtonians; Cheddar v Chew Valley; Chipping Sodbury v Bath Spartans; Cleve v Clevedon; Clifton v Stonybridge; Drybrook v Chippenham; Falmouth v Newquay Hornets; Frampton Cotterell v St Brendan's Old Boys; Frome v Wanborne; Gordano v Hornets; Hayle v Bognor; Imperial v Barton Hill; Kingswood v Avonvale; Launceston v Sidmouth; Morganians v Aller; Old Culverheyians v Hucclecote OB; Old Elizabethans v Ashley Down; Old Redcliffians v Midsomer Norton; Old Sulians v Bath OE; Paignton v Plymouth Civil Service; Penryn v Okehampton; Penzance and Newlyn v Helston; Redruth v Brixham; St Bernadette's v Dings Crusaders; St Ives v Camborne; Salisbury v Weston-super-Mare; Seaford and Pitt v Melksham; Taunton v Lydney; Tor v Wells; Truro v St Austell; Walcot v Avon; Whitehall v Old Bristolians.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: North: First division: Widnes v Hull Ionians. Second division: Stockton v Sandal. North West: First division: Manchester v Devonport, Northwich v Netherhall. NW-East: First division: Colne and Nelson v Chorley, Lostock v Bury. North East: First division: Old Crossleyans v Gateshead Fell, Yorkshire: First division: Driffield v Cleckheaton. Cumbria Cup: Final: Aspatria v Wigton (at Keswick). Club matches: Acklam v Yarnbury; Amber Valley XV v Mosborough; Ashton on Mersey v Ormskirk; Barnsley v Bramley; Beverley v Old Brodleians; Birkenhead Park v Aberlilery; Bridlington v Morpeth; Broughton v Bowdon; Castleford v Moderns; Crewe and Nantwich v Vulcan; Darlington RA v Whitby; De la Salle (Salford) v Merseyside Police; Dilsbury Tec v Metrovick; East Retford v Danum Phoenix; Eccles v Tyldesley; Fleetwood v Calder Vale; Grimsby v Lincoln; Halifax v Sheffield; Halifax Vandals v Heath; Harrogate v Morley; Helsington Wanderers v Roundhegians; Heaton Mead v Stanhope; Helsby v Wallasey; Hemsworth v Scunthorpe; Hightown v St Edwards Old Boys XV; Keighley v Newark; Kirkby Lonsdale v Ilkley; Leigh v Wigan; Leodiensian v Old Modernians; Macclesfield v Matlock; Malton and Norton v Mowden Park; Market v Hull and ER; Market Rasen v Hullensians; Middlesbrough v Vale of Lunes; Northallerton v Middlesbrough Wasps; Old Aldwinians v Kansas; Old Anselmians v Old Salians; Oldham v Newton le Willows; Old Hymerians v Goole; Old Ottensians v Selby; Otley v Fylde; Old Parkonians v Port Sunlight; Poulington v Dursley; Pontefract v Roditians; Ponsalend v Bishop Auckland; Preston Grasshoppers v Tynedale; Radcar v Ashington; Richmondshire v Barnard Castle; Ripon v Doncaster; Rolls Royce v Buxton; Rossendale v Aspull; Rowntree v Market XV; Ruskin Park v Burnage; Sandbach v Wirral; Sheffield Oaks v Wakefield Wasps; Sheffield Tigers v Worksop; Sunderland v Ryton; Thornensians v Dronfield; Upper Eden v Old Rishworthians; Warrington v Rochdale; Wensleydale v Settle; Carew; Weston v Novocastrians; West Park Bramhope v Scarborough; West Park (St Helens) v Stoke; Wetherby v West Leeds; Wheatley Hills v Hessle; Wibsey v Bradford and Bingley Barbarians; Wilmslow v Caldy; Windermere v North Ribblesdale; York v Chesterfield; York RI v Huddersfield YMCA; Yorkshire CW v Hornsea; Yorkshire Main v Adwick.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Alderly Edge v Stone; Ashby v Old Wulfrunians; Barford Tigers v Edgbaston; Barton v Loughborough; Bournville v Blossomfield; Bridgnorth v Belper; Bromsgrove v Stratford; Coventry and North Warwick v Hampton in Arden; Derwent v Derby; Grantham v Roses; Gymlit v North Notts; Hereford v Worcester Norton; Horton House v Banbury; Kettering v Mansfield; Kidderminster v Aldridge; Kingswinford v GEC Alsthom; Kynoch v West Bromwich; Leek v GEC Coventry; Leicester Westleigh v Rolls Royce; Lichfield v Notts Gregory; Ludlow v Tenbury; Newark v Normanby; Nuneaton v GEC Rugby; Old Halesonians v Harborne; Redditch v Evesham; Rugby v Warwick; Silch Union v Coalville; South Nottingham v Doncaster; Spalding v Melton Belvoirs; Stafford v Beeston; Stanton v Ramgharia; Streetly v Northampton Saints; Sutton Coldfield v Bloxwich; Tamworth v North Stafford; Walsall v Droitwich; Wednesbury v Holly Lane Lions; West Bridgford v Sheffield Bankers; Whitchurch v Newton; Wolverhampton v Cannock.

IRELAND: Ulster Senior Cup: Quarter-finals (2.30): Instonians v City of Derry; Portadown v Bangor; Omagh v Dungannon; Collegians v Ballymena. Munster Senior Cup: Quarter-finals (3.30): Garryowen v Sunday's Well; Highfield v Shannon; Waterpark v Dolphin; Young Munster v Cork Constitution (Thomond Park). Leinster Senior Cup: Second round (3.00): Wanderers v Dublin University (at Lansdowne Road); Blackrock College v Greystones (Lansdowne Road). Dudley Cup: University College Galway v Queen's University.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Sheffield v Widnes (2.45).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Durham v Ayr (6.30); Murrayfield v Cardiff (6.30); Solihull v Peterborough (7.00); Whitley v Nottingham (6.30). Tiebreakers play-offs: Bracknell v Slough (5.15); Cleveland v Swindon (5.15); Humberside v Fife (5.45); Romford v Telford (5.15). Qualifying play-offs: Glasgow v Lee Valley (4.45); Tayside v Milton Keynes (6.30).

BASKETBALL

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SWIMMING: Welsh Masters (Pontypool)
VOLLEYBALL: British championships, men and women (Sheffield).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Zenith Data Systems Cup Final
Crystal Palace v Everton ..... (at Wembley, 3.00)

Barclays League Third division
Bolton v Birmingham (12.00).....

FAI HARP LAGER CUP (3.30): Third round: Kilkenny v Ashtown; Limerick v Galway; Waterford v St James's.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Ashford v Hythe; Trowbridge v Hastings.

HOCKEY

NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: Final: Havant v Hounslow (Luton FC, 2.30).

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Welton v Bromley, (Orchard Park, Hull, 1.00); St Albans v Cannock (Clarence Park, 12.00).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Lincolnshire v Cambridgeshire (Boston, 2.00); Norfolk v Bedfordshire (Dereham, 2.00); Suffolk v Hertfordshire (Bury St Edmunds, 12.30).

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic v Halstead; Clacton v Thetford; Felixstowe v Wroxham; Gorleston v Braintree; Haverhill v Newmarket; Histon v Harwich and Parkeston; Wisbech v Chatteris.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton Utd v Maine Road (Men); Biscup Borough v Penrith; Clitheroe v Atherton LR; Knowsley v Bootle; Leyland DAF v Darwen; Nantwich v Colwyn Bay; Salford v Eastwood Hanley; Vauxhall GM v Prescot.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Final: Old Carthusians v Old Reptonians. Premier division: Old Foresters v Lancing Old Boys; Old Malvernians v Old Brentwoods. First division: Old Bradfieldians v Old Austinians; Old Cholmeleians v Old Haileyburians.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village v Old Finchleians; Old Bealonians v Parkfield; Old Parmiterians v Wilsn; Southgate County v Colpoes.

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Cannock (Edenbridge SC, 2.00); Hounslow v Havant (Feltham School, 2.00); Indian Gymkhana v Slough (Feltham School, 2.00); Old Loughtonians v East Grinstead (Chigwell, 2.30); Southgate v Neston (Broomfield School, 12.30); Teddington v St Albans (Broom Road School, 12.30); Wilson v Stourport (Orchard Park, Hull, 1.00). Second division: Bournville v Richmond (Shenley Court, Birmingham, 1.00); Gore Court v Warrington (Anchorians SC, Gillingham, 11.00); Reading v Cambridge City (Sonning Lane, 12.00).

RUGBY UNION

Schweppes Welsh Cup Semi-finals
Swansea v Pontypool (1.30).....
Neath v Llanelli (3.45) ..... (both matches at Cardiff)

UNDER-21 DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands v North (at Beeston, 3.00).

COUNTY CUP FINALS: Sussex: Hove v Lewes (Worthing). Surrey: Old Midwhitgiftians v Sutton and Epsom (Sunbury on Thames, 3.30). Kent: Old Colfeians v Sidcup (Blackheath, 3.00).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP (3.00 unless stated): First division: Bradford v Hull; Featherstone v Leeds (3.30); Wakefield v St Helens (3.30); Warrington v Oldham; Wigan v Castleford (6.30). Second division: Barrow v Whitehaven; Batley v Hunslet (3.15); Bramley v Carlisle (3.30); Chorley v Dewsbury; Fulham v Doncaster; Halifax v Trafford (1.00); Hedgeley Swinton (3.15); Leigh v Huddersfield (3.30); Runcorn v Nottingham; Workington v Ryedale-York.

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Stephenson compensated by display of young star

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ARTHUR Stephenson and Chris Grant received some consolation for the tragic death of their 1987 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, The Thinker, on the gallops Thursday morning when Blazing Walker stormed to a ten-length win in the Glenlivet Melling Chase at Liverpool yesterday.

"This could be the best horse I've ever trained," said Stephenson. "Before that it was The Thinker, but Blazing Walker has Gold Cup potential."

Judged by any standards, this was a remarkable performance as Blazing Walker, making the step up from handicap company and backed from 8-1 to 5-1, made short work of beating the champion two miler Katabatic. Waterloo Boy finished third, two-and-a-half lengths behind the runner-up.

Barnbrook Again, champion in 1990 and made 3-1 favourite to make a successful comeback, disappointed in trailing last of the five finishers.

Blazing Walker's tendency to jump to the right, was once again repeated. "The plan was to try and keep him more to the inside," said Grant. "But when he started going to the right again, I kept him on the outside to avoid trouble."

Yesterday's winning jockey, runner-up in three Grand Nationals, again takes the mount on Durham Edition runner-up in 1988 and again last year. "The ground isn't too bad, but it still might be too soft for Durham Edition. The firmer for him the better."

Never has the theory that horses that have run at Cheltenham are still feeling the effects of hard races at the National Hunt Festival been more dramatically illustrated than it has this time. Following the eclipse of Katabatic and Waterloo Boy in the two-miler, Uncle Ernie and Last 'O' The Bunch, both failures at Cheltenham were comprehensively beaten by Young Benz in the Perrier Jouet Novices' Chase.

Peter Easterby, delighted with his 13-2 winner, said: "I've always thought he had more speed than Uncle Ernie and that he was Arkle class. But after he had fallen for the second time at Haydock, I decided to miss Cheltenham."

Peter Scudamore, after his injury-plagued season, finally recorded his hundredth winner of the campaign when driving Trefelyn Cone to a one-and-a-half length defeat of the favourite Torwada in the Martell Hurdle for Martin Pipe. Scudamore and Pipe went on to complete a double when Granville Again made amends for an expensive defeat at Cheltenham by justifying 11-8 favouritism with a decisive defeat of Gran Alba in the Seagram 100 Pipers Top Novices' Hurdle.

Scudamore, whose best placing in ten consecutive attempts in the National has been a third on Corbiere in 1985, rides Bonanza Boy in the world's greatest steeplechase for the third time. "The ground should be all right for him," said the reigning champion.

Scudamore's alternative choice would be Garrison Savannah. But loath as I am to desert Jenny Pitman's Gold Cup winner, the omens so far have not been propitious for winners at the festival. Seagram, a four-length winner of the Ritz Club Handicap at Cheltenham, is a magnificent jumper and stays forever. However, I am napping Rinus, who has been specially prepared for the race by Gordon Richards. Third last year to Mr Frisk, Rinus this time has ground conditions in his favour.

Jimmy Fitzgerald landed a first and last-race double with Gold Options and Dual Image, but the latter's rider, Adrian Maguire, received a two-day ban for excessive use of the whip.

Softer going to help chance of Stan's Joy

THE recent winners Columbique, Master Swillbrook, Paddy's Lad and Shrill Whistle are among the 46 entries for *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale point-to-point today (Brian Beel writes).

All can be given sound chances but now that the going is on the softer side, Stan's Joy may beat them all with the in-form Robert Alner in the saddle.

Unless there is considerable overnight rain, neither of Jill Dawson's choice of Conbrook or Oxborough Park is a likely starter at the Grove and Rufford. This will increase the chances of Gulf Of Gold, Freelance and The Big Wheel and, while little separates them, they are preferred in that order.

The Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray returns to Parham after an absence of almost 20 years. Wellington Brown looks to be invincible here in the open, while Falside has the adjacent or PPOA race at his mercy.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Blackmore and Sparkford Vale, Kingweston, 2m east of Somerton (first race, 1.30); Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray, Parham, 3m SE of Pulborough (1.30); Curre, Howick, 2m W of Chepstow (1.30); Essex, Radwinter, 5m E of Saffron Walden (1.30); Grove and Rufford, Thorpe, 3m SE of Newark (1.45); Jedforest, Friars Haugh, 1m W of Kelso (1.45); Llandeilo Farmers, Erw Lon, 10m N of Carmarthen (12.30); Ludlow, Bitterley, 4m NW of Ludlow (1.45); Pegasus Club, Little Horwood, 5m W of Bletchley (2.0); Sinnington, 1m SW of Helmsley (1.30). The Mid Devon at Ottery St Mary has been postponed.

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GRAND NATIONAL RUNNERS AND RIDERS — BBC 1

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap chase: grade III: £90,970: 4m 4f) (40 runners)

301	2121-12	FRAZE 174 (G) (Statni Statek Benesov) V Šebesta (Cz) 8-11-10	V Chaloupka	—
		(Green and yellow stripes, red cap)		
302	2P2P21	BONANZA BOY 21 (F,G,S) (S Dunster) M Pipe 10-11-7	P Scudamore	89
		(Pink, white stars, pink sleeves, purple armlets, pink cap, white star)		
303	411-110	MR FRISK 133 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 12-11-5	Mr M Armytage	82
		(Green and red quarters, yellow sleeves, red cap)		
304	0P-3400	YAHOO 23 (C,F,G,S) (A Parker) J Edwards 10-11-1	N Williamson	79
		(Yellow, white epaulets, yellow sleeves, black armlets, white cap)		
305	11F-442	TEN OF SPADES 14 (F,G,S) (W Whitbread) N Henderson 11-11-1	J White	77
		(Chocolate, yellow collar, cuffs and cap)		
306	2121-21	GARRISON SAVANNAH 23 (B,G,S) (Autofour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-1	M Pitman	99
		(Orange, black star, black and orange striped sleeves, orange cap, black star)		
307	15/2-P0	GOLDEN FREEZE 24 (C,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-0	M Bowlby	80
		(Light blue and orange diamonds, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star)		
308	2-14054	DURHAM EDITION 70 (F,G,S) (R Oxley) W A Stephenson 13-10-13	C Grant	89
		(Light blue, dark blue seams, light blue cap)		
309	13-4412	RINUS 21 (C,BF,F,G,S) (A Proos) G Richards 10-10-7	N Doughty	80
		(Beige, brown cross of Lorraine, hooped cap)		
310	034240	OKLAOMA II 71 (S) (R Mancuso) R Kleparski (Fr) 11-10-7	Mr R Kleparski	74
		(Grey, brown diamonds, grey sleeves)		
311	202131	SEAGRAM 23 (F,G,S) (Sir E Parker) D Barons 11-10-6	N Hawke	89
		(Light blue, white cross belts, red cap)		
312	13-2213	MASTER BOB 25 (V,BF,F,G,S) (I Wills) N Henderson 11-10-5	J Osborne	83
		(Red, dark green sash, dark green and red quartered cap)		
313	6-223U2	BIGSUN 28 (BF,F,G) (J Horn) D Nicholson 10-10-4	R Dunwoody	78
		(Black, white braid, black cap, white button)		
314	56-2634	SOLIDASAROCK 14 (F,G,S) (L Randall) R Akehurst 9-10-4	G Bradley	73
		(Red and white halves, sleeves reversed, red and white hooped cap)		
315	1-21231	DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 42 (F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 9-10-3	A Tory	81
		(Royal blue, yellow braces, hooped sleeves, yellow cap)		
316	321225	HUNTWORTH 70 (F,G,S) (Exors W Walter) M Pipe 11-10-2	Mr A Walter	77
		(Light blue, black sleeves, black and white quartered cap)		
317	/1/12-13	CRAMMER 23 (G,S) (W Matthews) D Murray Smith 11-10-2	Mr J Durkan	83
		(Yellow, black hoop, black and yellow hooped sleeves)		
318	232630	AUNTIE DOT 24 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs R Wilson) J Webber 10-10-0	M Dwyer	78
		(Red, white epaulets, red sleeves, white seams, red cap, white spots)		
319	FU5-126	SOUTHERNAIR 47 (B,F,G,S) (S Powell) J Jenkins 11-10-0	Mr J Simo	66
		(White, black star, green sleeves, white cap)		
320	5P25P2	ENVOPAK TOKEN 15 (F,G,S) (F Arthur) J Gifford 10-10-0	M Perrett	73
		(White, red disc, sleeves and spots on cap)		
321	5U1144	OLD APPLEJACK 21 (F,G,S) (G Tobitt) J Johnson 11-10-0	T Reed	80
		(Light blue, pink sleeves, light blue and pink check cap)		
322	411356	NEW HALEN 25 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Sivitar) A James 10-10-0	S J O'Neill	77
		(Royal blue, pink disc, royal blue and pink hooped sleeves and cap)		
323	F/42-12	RUN AND SKIP 39 (BF,F,S) (J Chamberlain) J Spearing 13-10-0	D Byrne	77
		(Pink, maroon chevron, maroon and pink hooped sleeves, pink cap, maroon star)		
324	54-5353	BALLYHANE 42 (F,G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 10-10-0	D Mu	
		(Black, scarlet cap)		
325	423P0P	MICK'S STAR 33 (BF,G,S) (Mrs A Daly) M Morris (Ire) 11-10-0	C S	
		(Orange, emerald green diabolo on body and sleeves)		
326	P2-3551	FOYLE FISHERMAN 24 (G,S) (J Hutchinson) J Gifford 12-10-0	E Mu	
		(Black and yellow halves, sleeves reversed, black and yellow check cap)		
327	2-12162	GENERAL CHANDOS 28 (F,G,S) (Lady Harris) Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-0	Mr J Bradb	
		(Mauve and yellow check, yellow sleeves)		
328	5133P4	THE LANGHOLM DYER 25 (F,G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 12-10-0	G McC	
		(Beige, brown hooped sleeves, orange cap)		
329	124510	OVER THE ROAD 35 (G,S) (J Upson) J Upson 10-10-0	R Su	
		(White, dark green epaulets and star on cap)		
330	42216F	TEAM CHALLENGE 21 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-0	B de I	
		(Light blue and orange diamonds, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star)		
331	065300	JOINT SOVEREIGNTY 28 (F,G,S) (W Braid) J S Wilson 11-10-0	L O'	
		(Grey, yellow hoop, hooped sleeves)		
332	41-PU45	BUMBLES FOLLY 15 (S) (C Lewis) D Barons 10-10-0	J I	
		(Yellow, black star, emerald green cap, black star)		
333	-0PUP4	HARLEY 26 (G,S) (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 11-10-0	Ger L	
		(Orange, turquoise striped sleeves and spots on cap)		
334	344P32	MISTER CHRISTIAN 24 (B,G,S) (J Galsford) C James 10-10-0	S I	
		(Light blue, yellow disc, check cap)		
335	211514	HOTPLATE 21 (G,S) (W Bellamy Ltd) D McCain 8-10-0	P I	
		(White, dark blue cross of Lorraine and armlets)		
336	314312	GOLDEN MINSTREL 25 (F,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 12-10-0	T Grant	
		(White, red cross belts and sleeves, black cap)		
337	5-41604	BLUE DART 15 (G,S) (H Padfield) T Forster 11-10-0	H Di	
		(Dark blue, yellow chevrons, dark blue sleeves, yellow cap, dark blue star)		
338	512/0P4	ABBA LAD 18 (B,G,S) (Mrs A Taylor) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-0	D Gale	
		(Yellow, black stars, yellow sleeves and cap)		
339	33-2614	FOREST RANGER 23 (F,S) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 9-10-0	D	
		(Red, white cap, green diamond)		
340	135/0P4	LEAGAUNE 10 (S) (C Wright) T Casey 9-10-0	M Rici	
		(Light blue, pink and purple stripes, pink sleeves)		

Long handicap: Envopak Token 9-13, Old Applejack 9-12, New Halen 9-12, Run And Skip 9-10, Ballyhane 9-10, Mick's Star 9-9, Foyle Fisherman 9-8, General Chandos 9-4, The Langholm Dyer 9-3, Over The Road 9-3, Team Challenge 9-1, Joint Sovereignty 9-0, Bumbles Folly 8-13, Mister Christian 8-13, Hotplate 8-12, Golden Minstrel 8-11, Blue Dart 8-10, Abba Lad 8-10, Forest Ranger 8-7, Leagaune 8-6.

BETTING: 6-1 Rinus, 7-1 Garrison Savannah, 8-1 Bonanza Boy, 10-1 Seagram, 12-1 Yahoo, 16-1 Master Bob, 20-1 Durham Edition, Mr Frisk, Docklands Express, 25-1 Ballyhane, Spades, 33-1 Envopak Token, Golden Freeze, 40-1 Oklaoma II, Crammer, Solidasarock, Foyle Fisherman, Team Challenge, Yahoo, 50-1 Auntie Dot, Golden Minstrel, 66-1 Huntworth, New Halen, Old Applejack, Hotplate, General Chandos, 100-1 Blue Dart, Joint Sovereignty, Mister Christian, Over The Road, Run And Skip, Southernair, The Langholm Dyer, Forest Ranger, Bumbles Folly, Fraze, Harley, 200-1 Abba Lad, Leagaune.

1990: MR FRISK 11-10-6 Mr M Armytage (16-1) K Bailey 38 ran

SELECTIONS: Mandarin (Michael Phillips): Garrison Savannah. Thunderer: Rinus. Mich Rinus. *The Times* Private Handicapper: Garrison Savannah.

Comprehensive form guide for all the Grand National contestant

FRAZE
Oct 14, Pardubice, good: (11-1) nk 2nd to Libentina (11-1) (4m 2f 110yd, £9,807, 29 ran).

BONANZA BOY
Mar 16, Uttoxeter, soft: (11-10) beat Rubika (10-0) 20l with HOTPLATE (10-2) 45l 4th and TEAM CHALLENGE (10-0) 3rd when fell last (4m, h'cap, £21,940, 11 ran).
Mar 2, Haydock, soft: (11-10) 3l 2nd to Twin Oaks (11-0) with TEAM CHALLENGE (10-0) 20½l 6th, OVER THE ROAD (10-0) 3½l 6th, YAHOO (11-2) 10th and HARLEY (10-0) pulled up before 2 out (3m 4f, h'cap, £23,962, 15 ran).
Jan 1, Cheltenham, good to soft: see SEAGRAM.

MR FRISK
Nov 24, Newbury, good to firm: see MASTER BOB.
Nov 16, Ascot, good to firm: (12-0) beat The Fruit (10-0) a distance (3m, am h'cap, £5,220, 3 ran).
Nov 3, Sandown, good: (12-0) beat HUNTWORTH (10-11) 1½l (3m 118yd, h'cap, £4,963, 3 ran).

YAHOO
Mar 14, Cheltenham, good: see GARRISON SAVANNAH.
Mar 2, Haydock, soft: see BONANZA BOY.

TEN OF SPADES
Mar 23, Newbury, good: (12-0) 6l 2nd to Buckshee Boy (10-00) with SOLIDASAROCK (11-0) 25½l 4th (3m, h'cap, £5,803, 9 ran).
Jan 10, Wincanton, good: see OKLAOMA II.

GARRISON SAVANNAH
Mar 14, Cheltenham, good: (12-0) beat The Fellow (12-0) short head with YAHOO (12-0) tailed off 8th (3m 2f, grade I, £98,578, 14 ran).
Dec 12, Haydock, good to soft: (11-4) 8l 2nd to Celtic Shot (11-2) (3m, £10,025, 6 ran).
Mar 14, 1990, Cheltenham, good: (11-4) beat The Committee (11-4) 5l (3m, nov champ, £40,506, 9 ran).

GOLDEN FREEZE
Mar 13, Cheltenham, good to soft: (12-0) tailed off 7th to Katabatic (12-0) (2m, grade I, £82,070, 7 ran).
Feb 27, Worcester, soft: see AUNTIE DOT.

DURHAM EDITION
Jan 26, Doncaster, good: see TEAM CHALLENGE.
Nov 24, Newbury, good to firm: see MASTER BOB.

RINUS
Mar 16, Newcastle, good to soft: (12-0) 8l 2nd to What About Me (10-0) with OLD APPLEJACK (11-04) 11l 4th (3m, h'cap, £2,846, 7 ran).
Mar 9, Ayr, soft: (11-12) beat GENERAL CHANDOS (10-12) 4l (2m, h'cap, £2,820, 6 ran).
Feb 27, Worcester, soft: see AUNTIE DOT.

OKLAOMA II
Jan 25, Wincanton, good: (12-0) 44l 7th to Fu's Lady (12-0) (2m, h'cap, £3,720, 11 ran).
Jan 22, Chepstow, soft: (12-0) 13½l 4th to Sirrah Jay (10-0) (2m 4f, h'cap, £3,668, 9 ran).
Jan 10, Wincanton, good: (11-2) 2½l 2nd to Panto Prince (11-10) with TEN OF SPADES (11-10) 4½l 4th (2m 5f, £4,347, 7 ran).

SEAGRAM
Mar 14, Cheltenham, good: (10-11) beat Cahervillahow (11-10) 5l with FOREST RANGER (10-0) 25l 4th and ENVOPAK TOKEN (10-2) fell 8th (3m 1f, h'cap, £29,569, 14 ran).
Jan 1, Cheltenham, good to soft: (10-1) beat BONANZA BOY (11-10) 3l with THE LANGHOLM DYER (10-0) distance away 3rd, MISTER CHRISTIAN (10-1) 15l 4th and BIGSUN (10-5) unseated rider 6 out (4m, h'cap, £6,435, 8 ran).
Dec 7, Cheltenham, good to firm: see MASTER BOB.
Nov 24, Newbury, good to firm: see MASTER BOB.

MASTER BOB
Mar 12, Cheltenham, good to soft: see GOLDEN MINSTREL.
Dec 7, Cheltenham, good to firm: (11-8) beat SEAGRAM (12-0) 12l with GOLDEN MINSTREL (10-5) 8½l 4th (3m 1f, h'cap, £7,440, 7 ran).
Nov 24, Newbury, good to firm: (10-3) 2l 2nd to Arctic Call (11-0) with NEW HALEN (10-0) 7l 5th, SEAGRAM (11-1) 16l 9th, MR FRISK (12-1) 10th and DURHAM EDITION (11-2) 12th (3m 2f 82yd, grade III h'cap, £36,956, 13 ran).

BIGSUN
Mar 9, Sandown, good to soft: (11-10) 4l 2nd to Rowlandsons Jewels (11-0) with SOLIDASAROCK (11-5) neck 3rd (3m 118yd, h'cap, £5,149, 8 ran).
Jan 1, Cheltenham, good to soft: see SEAGRAM.
Nov 30, Sandown, good to firm: see HUNTWORTH.

SOLIDASAROCK
Mar 23, Newbury, good: see TEN OF SPADES.
Mar 9, Sandown, good to soft: see BIGSUN.
Feb 23, Kempton, good: see DOCKLANDS EXPRESS.

DOCKLANDS EXPRESS
Feb 23, Kempton, good: (10-7) beat Cuddy Dale (10-8) a neck with BALLYHANE (10-1) 4l 3rd, SOLIDASAROCK (10-10) 22l 6th (3m, grade III h'cap, £28,740, 9 ran).
Jan 26, Doncaster, good: see TEAM CHALLENGE.

HUNTWORTH
Jan 26, Doncaster, good: see TEAM CHALLENGE.
Nov 30, Sandown, good to firm: (11-4) neck 2nd to Gallic Prince (10-1) with BIGSUN (11-9) 1½l 3rd (3m 5f 18yd, h'cap, £3,790, 6 ran).
Nov 3, Sandown, good: see MR FRISK.

CRAMMER
Mar 14, Cheltenham, good: (12-0) 15½l 3rd to Lovely Citizen (12-0) (3m 2f, am hunt, £15,530, 18 ran).
Feb 28, Nottingham, good: (12-0) beat RUN AND SKIP (12-5) 3l (3m, hunt, £2,408, 16 ran).

AUNTIE DOT
Mar 13, Cheltenham, good to soft: see FOYLE FISHERMAN.
Feb 27, Worcester, soft: (10-12) 18½l 3rd to Sabin Du Loir (11-10) with RINUS (11-3) 9l 4th, NEW HALEN (11-3) 4l 5th and GOLDEN FREEZE (11-3) pulled up before 2 out (2m 4f, grade II, £13,290, 8 ran).

SOUTHERNAIR
Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: see TEAM CHALLENGE.
Dec 28, Fontwell, good: (12-00) 6l 2nd to Breakfast Car (11-07) (2m 4f, h'cap, £2,898, 6 ran).

ENVOPAK TOKEN
Mar 22, Newbury, good: (11-0) 8l 2nd to Aquitter (12-0) with BLUE DART (10-4) 21½l 4th and BUMBLES FOLLY (10-2) 7l 5th (3m 2f 82yd, h'cap, £4,833, 6 ran).
Mar 14, Cheltenham, good: see SEAGRAM.
Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: see TEAM CHALLENGE.

OLD APPLEJACK
Mar 16, Newcastle, good to soft: see RINUS.
Feb 2, Wetherby, good: see NEW HALEN.

NEW HALEN
Mar 12, Cheltenham, good to soft: (10-9) 16l 6th to Aldino (10-0) (2m, h'cap, £24,290, 12 ran).
Feb 27, Worcester, soft: see AUNTIE DOT.
Feb 2, Wetherby, good: (10-7) 15½l 3rd to Katabatic (11-3) with OLD APPLEJACK (10-7) 5l 4th and GENERAL CHANDOS (10-7) 13l 6th (2m 4f 100yd, grade II h'cap, £16,756, 8 ran).
Nov 24, Newbury, good to firm: see MASTER BOB.

RUN AND SKIP
Feb 26, Nottingham, good: see CRAMMER.
Feb 23, Stratford, good to soft: (12-0) beat Adventures (12-4) 12l (3m 2f, hunt, £1,980, 11 ran).

BALLYHANE
Feb 23, Kempton, good: see DOCKLANDS EXPRESS.
Jan 12, Ascot, good to soft: (10-12) 21½l 5th to Blazing Walker (12-0) (2m 4f, h'cap, £11,160, 8 ran).

MICK'S STAR
Mar 4, Windsor, good to soft: (11-9) pulled up before 15th behind Forest Ranger (10-10) (3m 4f, h'cap, £2,881, 13 ran).
Jan 26, Doncaster, good: see TEAM CHALLENGE.

FOYLE FISHERMAN
Mar 13, Cheltenham, good to soft: (11-0) beat Romany King (10-5) 2l with AUNTIE DOT (11-6) tailed off 9th (2m 4f, h'cap, £26,493, 15 ran).
Dec 27, Kempton, good: (11-12) 22l 5th to Farmies Boy (10-0) (3m, h'cap, £5,959, 9 ran).

GENERAL CHANDOS
Mar 9, Ayr, soft: see RINUS.
Feb 2, Wetherby, good: see NEW HALEN.

THE LANGHOLM DYER
Mar 12, Cheltenham, good to soft: see GOLDEN MINSTREL.
Jan 1, Cheltenham, good to soft: see SEAGRAM.

OVER THE ROAD
Mar 2, Haydock, soft: see BONANZA BOY.
Feb 23, Stratford, good to soft: (11-13) beat Out Of Stock (11-13) 1½l with ABBA LAD (11-5) pulled up before 3 out (2m 6f, h'cap, £3,155, 12 ran).

TEAM CHALLENGE
Mar 16, Uttoxeter, soft: see BONANZA BOY.
Mar 2, Haydock, soft: see BONANZA BOY.
Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: (10-2) beat Bonsceva (11-11) 10l with MISTER CHRISTIAN (10-1) ¾l 3rd, ENVOPAK TOKEN (11-3) 33l 5th, SOUTHERNAIR (10-7) 3l 6th and BUMBLES FOLLY (10-5) pulled up before 110yd, h'cap, £3,818, 10 ran).
Jan 26, Doncaster, good: (10-4) 21½l 2nd to [illegible] (10-9) with DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (11-DURHAM EDITION (11-9) 8l 4th, HUNTWOR 5th and MICK'S STAR (11-1) 14l 7th (3m £20,665, 19 ran).

JOINT SOVEREIGNTY
Mar 9, Ayr, soft: (11-1) 37l 7th to Fishid (10-3) hurdle, £2,406, 9 ran).
Feb 22, Kelso, soft: (11-1) tailed off 8th to Hi (10-6) (3m 4f, am h'cap, £3,883, 12 ran).

BUMBLES FOLLY
Mar 22, Newbury, good: see ENVOPAK TOK
Mar 5, Warwick, good to soft: (10-9) 15½l 4th 4) (3m 4f 180yd, h'cap, £4,386, 5 ran).
Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: see TEAM CI

HARLEY
Mar 11, Ayr, soft: (11-10) 19¾l 4th to Magw 4f, h'cap, £2,872, 6 ran).
Mar 2, Haydock, soft: see BONANZA BOY.

MISTER CHRISTIAN
Mar 13, Newton Abbot, heavy: (11-1) ¾l 2nd (10-6) (3m 2f 100yd, h'cap, £3,379, 7 ran).
Feb 18, Fontwell, good to soft: see TEAM C
Jan 1, Cheltenham, good to soft: see SEAG

HOTPLATE
Mar 16, Uttoxeter, soft: see BONANZA BO
Feb 1, Bangor, soft: (10-13) beat Sam Sho (3m 4f, h'cap, £3,591, 7 ran).

GOLDEN MINSTREL
Mar 12, Cheltenham, good to soft: (10-6) 12 (10-5) with MASTER BOB (11-4) 3l LANGHOLM DYER (10-5) 11l 4th (3m, am h'c ran).
Dec 7, Cheltenham, good to firm: see MAST

BLUE DART
Mar 22, Newbury, good: see ENVOPAK TOK
Mar 4, Windsor, good to soft: see FOREST

ABBA LAD
Mar 19, Nottingham, good: (10-0) 70l 4th to (11-07) (3m 4f, h'cap, £3,720, 5 ran).
Feb 23, Stratford, good to soft: see OVER T

FOREST RANGER
Mar 14, Cheltenham, good: see SEAGRAM.
Mar 4, Windsor, good to soft: (10-10) beat Le (10-0) 1½l with BLUE DART (11-3) 25½l 7th STAR (11-9) pulled up before 15th (3m 4f, h'c ran).

LEAGAUNE
Mar 27, Worcester, good: (11-4) 8¼l 4th to G (11-10) (3m, h'cap, £3,980, 8 ran).
Jan 31, Towcester, good: (11-6) 20l 8th to V (3m 190yd, h'cap, £3,262, 13 ran).

Selection: RINUS

A to Z analysis of the 40 big-race runners

By GEORGE RAE

(Previous National form in brackets, most recent on right)

ABBA LAD (-:-:-) Least fancied of Jenny Pitman's four runners. Rank outsider.

AUNTIE DOT (-:-:-) *Attempting to become first mare to win since Nickel Coin (1951).* Generally consistent although disappointed last time. Long-shot with stamina doubts.

BALLYHANE (-:-:-) Enigmatic customer. *Talented but largely disappointing lately — has not won for two years.* Well treated on best form and would be a force if the challenge of Aintree rekindled his interest. Trained *by Josh Gifford, successful with* Aldaniti (1981).

BIGSUN (-:-:6) Strongly fancied second favourite when sixth to Mr Frisk last year. Generally reliable jumper and stays well. *Suited by fast ground.* Tends to lack finishing pace but has solid each-way claims. Ridden by Richard Dunwoody, successful on West Tip (1986).

BLUE DART (-:-:-) Represents the Last Suspect team of Tim Forster and Hywel Davies, successful in 1985. Chances of hitting the bullseye with this one look slim, though.

BONANZA BOY (-:8:16) Has a habit of collecting Nationals (twice the winner of the Welsh National and recently took the Midlands equivalent) but the big one has eluded him. Safe jumper at his best when soft ground brings abundant stamina into play. Trained by hugely successful Martin Pipe and ridden by champion jockey Peter Scudamore.

BUMBLES FOLLY (-:-:-) Jimmy Frost, successful on Little Polveir two years ago, has little chance on this rank outsider.

CRAMMER (-:-:-) *High-class* hunter chaser. Second in last year's Foxhunters' Chase over the National fences. Stays well and suited by soft ground but lack of experience in handicap company is a debit mark.

DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (-:-:-) With Mr Frisk, gives trainer Kim Bailey a strong hand. Has completed in all his 14 races over fences and never out of the first three. Safe jumper with a touch of class.

DURHAM EDITION (2:5:2) Perennial National bridesmaid. Aintree brings out the best in him, although he barely gets the trip. Deserves a change of luck but history suggests his best chance is behind him — only one *13-year-old has won the National this century.* Solid each-way claims again, though.

ENVOPAK TOKEN (-:-:-) Fair *fifth* in this season's Welsh National but overall form is inconsistent.

FOREST RANGER (-:-:-) Inconsistent stayer. Stable's second string behind Yahoo.

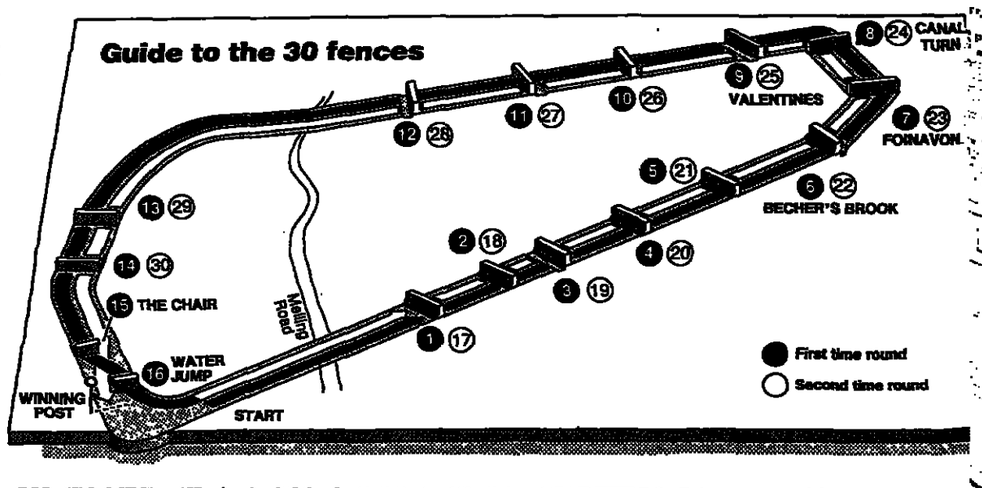
FOYLE FISHERMAN (-:-:-) Shrugged off some moderate efforts to win Cheltenham handicap last time, his first win for two years. Likes to run from the front but is unlikely to dictate here. Inconsistent.

FRAZE (-:-:-) *Ambitious* Czech-oslovak challenger. Second in the Grand Pardubicka, her native equivalent, indicates plenty of staying power but jockey Vaclav Chaloupka's main aim is *to get round.*

GARRISON SAVANNAH (-:-:-) Gallant winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup last month and attempts to become the first since Golden Miller *(1934)* to complete the Gold Cup-National double in the same season. Well weighted but hard race at Cheltenham may have taken the edge off him. Undoubted quality but does not appeal at current odds. Trainer Jenny Pitman won with Corbiere (1983).

GENERAL CHANDOS (-:-:-) Scottish-trained outsider. First *National experience for trainer* Sue Bradburne and jockey-husband John. Stamina doubts.

GOLDEN FREEZE (-:-:-) Attractively weighted on his best form. Has had training problems but if at his peak would be a powerful addition to Jenny Pitman's team.



GOLDEN MINSTREL (-:-:-) Worst handicapped of Josh Gifford's squad. Good second to Omerta at Cheltenham last month but can make jumping mistakes.

HARLEY (-:-:-) Trainer Judy Eaton has nursed National-winning ambitions since she was at school. Victory would be heart-warming but it's difficult to see this as a re-run of National Velvet.

HOTPLATE (-:-:-) Ginger "Red Rum" McCain will need to work all his National magic for this one to win.

HUNTWORTH (-:-:U) Alan Walter broke his wrist when Huntworth unseated him last year. Only slim chance but Walter would probably settle for a safer passage.

JOINT SOVEREIGNTY (-:-:F) Never a factor when fell halfway last year. Has struggled to find his best form this season.

LEAGAUNE (-:-:-) Worst handicapped horse in the race.

MASTER BOB (-:-:-) Nicky Henderson has persuaded the owner to run Master Bob after initial doubts. Stays well and is a sound jumper.

MICK'S STAR (-:-:19) Sole Irish challenger. Remote chance of breaking Ireland's losing sequence which stretches back to L'Escargot (1975).

MISTER CHRISTIAN (-:-:-) Little prospect of a bounty.

MR FRISK (-:-:1) Attempting to become the first since Red Rum (1973 and 1974) to win consecutive Nationals. Flamboyant jumper ideally suited by fast ground. Amateur Marcus Armytage is again in for an exhilarating ride but going has turned against him.

NEW HALEN (-:-:-). Cheltenham festival win last year suggests some class but below par recent starts. One of the better longshots.

OKLAOMA II (-:-:-) French raider. Has some experience of English fences but nothing like the obstacles he will face today. Imaginative challenge but outside chance only.

OLD APPLEJACK (-:-:-) First National runner for trainer Howard Johnson and jockey Tim Reed. Former point-to-pointer, once considered superior to Mr Frisk.

OVER THE ROAD (-:-:-) Thorough stayer but prone to jumping errors.

RINUS (-:-:3) Good third last year on ground too fast for him. Has been trained for this race and Gordon Richards, previously successful with Lucius (1978) and Hallo Dandy (1984), knows a National horse when he sees one. Neale Doughty has the remarkable record of having completed on each of his seven National rides, including Hallo Dandy. Fine chance.

RUN AND SKIP (-:-:-) Once useful chaser but not the force he was.

SEAGRAM (-:-:-) Certain to have his name on the trophy, if only by dint of the sponsors. Winner at last month's Cheltenham festival, which is a pointer to his quality. Brave, reliable jumper who will stay forever, *but against him is an already demanding season.* Worth a place on the short list, though. First National ride for Nigel Hawke.

SOLIDASAROCK (-:-:-) Good handicapper at best but will have to leave recent lacklustre efforts behind to win here.

SOUTHERNAIR (-:-:-) Spanish amateur [illegible] who got round [illegible] Completion again [illegible] most realistic goal.

TEAM CHALLENG Has twice completed without ever looking d

TEN OF SPADES going well in last Cheltenham Gold C falling two out. Pla injuries but has a touc and from a stable whos often go well in the Lively longshot.

THE LANGHOLM D :-) Gordon Richards' string. Able stayer b tough task at these wei

YAHOO (-:-:-) Trair Edwards had the misfo see Sandy Sprite break the run-in with the ra mercy 20 years ago striven to win the n since. Yahoo is classy not recaptured his bes brave second to Deser in the 1989 Cheltenha Cup. Suited by soft go

VERDICT: 1, RINUS; 2, Garrison Savannah; 3, Spades; 4, Bonanza Boy.

...arrison Savannah poised ...complete golden double

...ANDARIN
...EL PHILLIPS)

...lenient handicap- ...oday's Seagram ...nal at Liverpool ...TSON SAVAN- ...ch an outstanding ...mulating Golden ...nly horse to have ...heltenham Gold ...Aintree spectacu- ...ne season.

..., L'Escargot has ...it is possible for ...rse to conquer the ...but it was way ...34 that Golden ...eved his unique ...age of his career, ...vannah cannot be ...n the same breath ...Miller, who won ...p five times in a ...son Savannah did ...Cheltenham three ...when the odds were ...ainst him. With ...one to carry this ...the odds against ...g again are much ...onable since he ...eeting the likes of ...oy on 15lb worse ...they to clash in ...ottish National or ...ad Gold Cup later ...handicaps were ...h the benefit of ...after Garrison ...ad won the Gold ...weights were pub- ...efore his Chelten- ...s when he had run ...ce at Haydock in December, albeit following a successful first season over *fences that culminated in* winning the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham.

While some will point to Garrison Savannah's relative lack of experience (he has run in only eight chases), he has never fallen or even looked like doing so.

Having won a Gold Cup, his *class is plain to see.* Interestingly, his trainer Jenny Pitman, who has already won the National with Corbiere, had this race in mind when she bought him rather than Cheltenham.

Garrison Savannah has won before on soft ground, but never over a distance so far nor over obstacles as big. If you back him today, those are the risks you take.

Since he is by Random Shot, who was an out-and-out stayer on the Flat, the distance should not pose a problem. Nor should the obstacles, granted normal luck in running, which is always a vital ingredient of success at Liverpool.

While some will be concerned that Garrison Savannah had a hard race when winning at Cheltenham, that must be countered by pointing out that it was only his second race of the season. So he does not have many miles on the clock and that can be a major factor at this relatively advanced stage of the season.

Now that the ground is soft, **Bonanza Boy, Rinus and Ten Of Spades** could easily form the hard core of his opposition, and they are preferred for the places in that order.

Even a good mudlark like **Bonanza Boy**, however, should not be capable of giving Garrison Savannah 6lb if the handicapper has been correct in his re-assessment.

Rinus will not be brushed aside easily with only 10st 6lb on his back. The ground was too firm for his liking when he was third behind Mr Frisk and Durham Edition 12 months ago.

Now he enters the fray having been given a thorough preparation by Gordon Richards, who has already won the race twice, with Lucius and Hallo Dandy. Neale Doughty, who rode Hallo Dandy, is Rinus's jockey and he has been riding like a man inspired this season.

The love affair that Americans have had with the National goes back a long time. John Horne has crossed the Atlantic again in the hope seeing **Bigsun**, a half-brother to the dual Scottish National winner Androma, give him the thrill of a lifetime.

Unlike last year when he finished sixth, Bigsun missed Cheltenham in order to be fresh for today. On better ground, he would have been my second choice. My fear is *that it is now too soft for him* and I also have that same reservation about last year's first and second, Mr Frisk and **Durham Edition.**

Morley Street can lead Frost to two successes

JIMMY Frost looks booked for a double a Liverpool today on **Morley Street** (2.25) and **Crystal Spirit** (4.50) (Mandarin writes).

Although he did win the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham last month, Morley Street has never been more impressive than when running away with the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle on the corresponding occasion 12 months ago.

Now he is napped to succeed again, especially since he showed two seasons ago that he is quite capable of coping with softened ground when also triumphed over today's course and distance.

With Run For Free in today's field, the race should be run to suit Morley Street, who is likely to be held up for longer this time since he arguably struck the front too soon at Cheltenham. Even so, he still proved too good there for today's rivals, Nomadic Way, Mole Board and Jinxy Jack.

Crystal Spirit, the only horse to have inflicted defeat upon that good Irish mare Minorettes Girl this season, can extend his own winning sequence by capturing the Mumm Prize Novices' Hurdle.

Blitzkreig is my selection to win the Captain Morgan Aintree Chase in the belief that he did not give his true running when finishing only fifth in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham.

Statistics point to Bigsun

By JACK WATERMAN

BOOKMAKERS used to lay 4-1 against a horse completing the Seagram Grand National: it was a fair reflection of the statistic which gives a horse only an average of 13 chances in 40 of finishing, let alone winning. A further unpalatable fact is that outright favourites have a dismal record.

The last to prevail was Grittar in 1982. But second favourites fare better and the price bracket from 16-1 downwards has been profitable recently, providing 16 winners in the past 23 runnings.

HANDICAP: More than half of today's runners, from Auntie Dot downwards, are on the minimum 10 stone mark and therefore carry more weight than they should. Horses with a proper handicap mark statistically stand the best chance. The range from 10st 3lb to 11st 5lb (*13 of today's field*) has provided 13 of the last 15 winners.

AGE: This seems to be a diminishing factor in the selection of a likely winner. While nine-year-olds still have the best record historically, ten-year-olds to 12-year-olds have done equally well in recent years. Red Rum, in 1973, was the last eight-year-old to win and this counts against Garrison Savannah becoming only the second horse since Golden Miller to win both Gold Cup and Grand National in the same season.

JOCKEYS: Richard Dunwoody (Bigsun), Neale Doughty (Rinus) and Chris Grant (Durham Edition) have the best Aintree records. Peter Scudamore, who rides Bonanza Boy, is competing in his eleventh National but has never been nearer than sixth in his attempt to emulate his father, Michael, who rode Oxo to victory in 1959.

Summing up, the records give a narrow vote to **Bigsun**, to win from Rinus and Bonanza Boy.

IAN STEWART



Arthur Stephenson's Blazing Walker, Chris Grant, leaps boldly over the last on his way to victory in the Glenlivet Melling Chase at Liverpool yesterday

LIVERPOOL

Selections

By Mandarin
Blitzkreig.
MORLEY STREET (nap).
Garrison Savannah.
William Anthony.
Crystal Spirit.
State Jester.

By Thunderer
1.50 Young Snugfit.
2.25 Morley Street.
3.20 RINUS (nap).
4.15 Good For A Laugh.
4.50 Crystal Spirit.
5.25 Villa Recos.

By Michael Seely
2.25 Morley Street. 3.20 RINUS (nap). 4.50 Crystal Spirit.
Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 GARRISON SAVANNAH.

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...IN MORGAN AINTREE CHASE (Limited handicap: grade II: £80,0... 6: 2m) (12 runners)

BARNBROOK AGAIN 1 (D,F,G,S) (M Davies) D Elsworth 10-12-0 ..... NON-RUNNER
YOUNG SNUGFIT 24 (D,F,G,S) (J Poynton) C Sherwood 7-11-5 ..... J Osborne 98
BLITZKREIG 24 (D,G,S) (J McManus) E O'Grady (Ire) 8-10-13 ..... T Carmody 96
KINGSPAN 36 (D,F,G,S) (P Shilton) M Pipe 7-10-11 ..... J Frost 93
TARA'S DELIGHT 11 (D,F,G,S) (F Barr) M Pipe 8-10-11 ..... P Scudamore 86
MEDLEOUR 7 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Leggat) Jimmy Fitzgerald 12-10-7 ..... M Dwyer 96
NOS NA GAOITHE 24 (B,D,G,S) (P Green) M H Easterby 8-10-7 ..... L Wyer 99
PRIZE ASSET 101 (D,F,G) (Mrs C James) J Baker 11-10-7 ..... S Earle 87
GREENHEART 7 (D,F,G) (Morley Stud) W A Stephenson 8-10-7 ..... C Grant 96
HOGMANAY 36 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs R Casey) R Casey 9-10-7 ..... N Doyle 83
REDUNDANT PAL 1 (D,S) (P O'Neill) P Mullins (Ire) 8-10-7 ..... C O'Dwyer 86
THE A TRAIN 24 (D,G,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-7 91

...cap: Medleour 10-5, Nos Na Gaoithe 10-5, Prize Asset 10-2, Greenheart 10-2, Hogmanay ...t Pal 9-12, The A Train 9-6.
...11-4 Young Snugfit, 7-2 Blitzkrieg, 11-2 Star's Delight, 6-1 Nos Na Gaoithe, Medleour, 10-1 Redundant Pal, 16-1 Greenheart, The A Train, 20-1 Hogmanay, 50-1 Prize Asset.

1990: NOHALIMDUN 9-10-7 L Wyer (11-1) M H Easterby 12 ran

FOCUS BLITZKREIG beat YOUNG SNUGFIT ...11 at Ascot (2m, good to soft) with ...eeding rider 3rd. WINGSPAN made ...GMANAY (5lb worse off) 1¾l at ...60yd, good). ...HT 3½l 2nd to Aldino at Cheltenham ...oft) penultimate start with NOS NA ...worse off) tailed off 10th; latest beat ...at Sandown (2m 18yd, good). MEDLEOUR 17l 3rd to Sure Metal at Haydock (2m, good to soft) with GREENHEART unseating rider 7th. NOS NA GAOITHE 13l 3rd to Katabatic in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft) with YOUNG SNUGFIT (12lb worse off) a sh hd 4th, BLITZKREIG (6lb worse off) 10l 5th and THE A TRAIN (same terms) 20l 6th. GREENHEART made all to beat Tacitco 2l in a 3-runner race at Kelso (2m 196yd, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: BLITZKREIG

...EMAN AINTREE HURDLE (Grade I: £31,214: 2m 4f) (9 ... 9) BBC1

BRADBURY STAR 25 (D,F,G,S) (J Campbell) J Gifford 6-11-7 ..... D Murphy 93
CLOUGHTANEY 24 (D,G,S) (C Mayo) P Mullins (Ire) 10-11-7 ..... A Mullins 86
FIDWAY 25 (BL,C,F,G,S) (A Coley) T Thomson Jones 6-11-7 ..... S Smith Eccles 91
JINXY JACK 25 (D,S) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 7-11-7 ..... N Doughty 87
MOLE BOARD 25 (D,F,S) (W Sturt) J Old 9-11-7 ..... J Osborne 92
MORLEY STREET 25 (CD,F,G,S) (M Jackson Ltd) G Balding 7-11-7 ..... J Frost 99
NOMADIC WAY 25 (B,F,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 6-11-7 ..... R Dunwoody 97
RUN FOR FREE 25 (D,F,G,S) (R Freathy) M Pipe 7-11-7 ..... P Scudamore 97
THE ILLIAD 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Furlong) A Geraghty (Ire) 10-11-7 ..... P McWilliams 90

...8-11 Morley Street, 4-1 Nomadic Way, 9-2 Run For Free, 9-1 The Iliad, 14-1 Mole Board, 16-1 ...Fidway, 25-1 Jinxy Jack, 33-1 Cloughtaney.

1990: MORLEY STREET 6-11-6 J Frost (4-5 fav) G Balding 6 ran

FOCUS BRADBURY STAR beat RUN FOR FREE ...6l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to ...er. FIDWAY 3½l 2nd to Voyage Sans ...own (2m, good) on penultimate start; ...Sybillin 1½l in Top Rank Christmas ...ption (2m, good) with MOLE BOARD ...f 8. ...st Past Glories 20l at Kelso (2m, soft) ...start. MORLEY STREET beat NO... 1½l in Smurfit Champion Hurdle at ...n, good to soft) with MOLE BOARD 5½l 4th, BRADBURY STAR 1½l 6th, JINXY JACK 11th, THE ILLIAD 21st and FIDWAY prominent when unseated rider 3 out. NOMADIC WAY 7l 3rd to *Sondrio at Haydock (2m, soft) on penultimate start.* RUN FOR FREE neck 2nd to King's Curate at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft); previously beat Jimbelou 9l in Regency Hurdle at Warwick (2m 5f, good to soft) with BRADBURY STAR (5lb worse off) 4l 4th. THE ILLIAD beat Beaumore Lad 2½l at Leopardstown (2m, yielding to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: MORLEY STREET

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (Handicap: Grade III: £90,970: 4m 4f) (40 runners) BBC1

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE FACING PAGE

4.15 CHIVAS REGAL NOVICES CHASE (Handicap: Amateurs: £7,887: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

401 1-12212 GOOD FOR A LAUGH 42 (BF,G,S) (Dr M Smurfit) A Moore (Ire) 7-11-10 ... A Martin 90
402 3/62113 MACARTHUR 28 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 8-11-2 ..... S Sellers 98
403 0/51112 WILLIAM ANTHONY 88 (D,BF,G,S) (Insight Cartons Ltd) M Pipe 9-11-1 ..... — 84
404 11F34F GEOSTAR 25 (F,S) (W Morgan) J Leigh 7-11-0 ..... W Morgan (7) 88
405 33P551 BRADWALL 7 (D,F,S) (G Barlow) G Barlow 7-10-5 ..... C Hawcock (7) 99
406 21P04F THE THROW 10 (B,S) (Mrs B Jenks) D Nicholson 6-10-5 ..... T Jenks (7) 84
407 534010 LIAMS PRIDE 24 (S) (A Potts) S Mellor 8-10-5 ..... D Gray 88
408 5452/53 INTO THE GLEN 7 (F Piller) W A Stephenson 8-10-5 ..... K Johnson 71
409 2-18341 TRAVAIL GIRL 68 (F) (Mrs P Wyer) G Ham 10-10-5 ..... R Darke (7) 83
410 /28/6 MORAL VICTORY 30 (C Hamblin) G Balding 10-10-5 ..... C Hamblin (7) —

Long handicap: The Throw 10-0, Liams Pride 9-10, Into The Glen 9-7, Travail Girl 9-7, Moral Victory 9-6.
BETTING: 9-4 William Anthony, 3-1 Good For A Laugh, 4-1 Macarthur, 6-1 Geostar, 8-1 Bradwall, 12-1 Into The Glen, 16-1 Liams Pride, 20-1 others.
1990: BRANDESTON 5-10-0 T Lombard (20-1) G Hubbard 12 ran

FORM FOCUS GOOD FOR A LAUGH beat Friendly Saint 2½l at Fairyhouse (2m 2f, yielding to soft) penultimate start; latest 2l 2nd to Toramfield at Punchestown (2m 2f, heavy). MACARTHUR completed double when beating Walk You There 5l at Sedgefield (2m, good to soft); latest 5¼l 3rd of 7 to Hasbell at Sandown (2m 19yd, good to soft). WILLIAM ANTHONY made all to beat Hilarion a distance at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, soft). GEOSTAR 5¼l 4th to Remittance Man at Kempton (2m 4f, good) penultimate start. BRADWALL beat Merrimoore 4l at Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft). LIAMS PRIDE beat Woodland Retreat 5l at Leicester (2m, good to soft) penultimate start. INTO THE GLEN 41¼l 3rd to Royle Speedmaster at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, good). TRAVAIL GIRL beat Judgment Day a neck at Windsor (2m 5f, good to firm) with LIAMS PRIDE (5lb better off) 31l 11th.
Selection: GOOD FOR A LAUGH

4.50 MUMM PRIZE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £9,884: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

501 12111 CRYSTAL SPIRIT 24 (D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-11-2 ..... J Frost 99
502 00-4355 AMONG FRIENDS 36 (BF) (Rumble Racing Club) G Balding 6-11-1 ..... G Bradley 87
503 22-2821 BELL GLASS 22 (S) (R Billingsley) J Jenkins 5-11-1 ..... R Dunwoody 85
504 63-5454 FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 42 (F,S) (K Bell) C Broad 6-11-1 ..... D Tegg 73
505 3-12611 GRANVILLEWATERFORD 28 (D,G) (Mrs D Stamp) S Sherwood 8-11-1 ..... J Osborne 78
506 12FP32 NADIAD 14 (BF,G) (J Grey) D McCain 5-11-1 ..... G McCourt 84
507 220 SHANNON GLEN 25 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-1 ..... M Pitman 74
508 31114 SO PROUD 63 (F,S) (Lord Wolverton) S Mellor 6-11-1 ..... M Perrett 79
509 311 GULSHA 16 (S) (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10 ..... P Scudamore 70
510 332412 BIFOCAL 5 (BF,S) (L Goddard) P Bevan 4-10-8 ..... D Gallagher 85

BETTING: 2-5 Crystal Spirit, 15-2 Guisha, 9-1 Granvillewaterford, 14-1 Shannon Glen, Bifocal, 20-1 Bell Glass, So Proud, 25-1 Nadiad, 33-1 Among Friends, 66-1 For Heaven's Sake.
1990: VAZON BAY 6-11-1 M Pitman (33-1) Mrs J Pitman 10 ran

5.25 JANNEAU ARMAGNAC HANDICAP HURDLE (£11,429: 2m) (12 runners)

601 11/10P HONEST WORD 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 6-11-10 ..... P Scudamore 90
602 21/6-126 STATE JESTER 28 (D,F,G,S) (E Barber) C W Elsey 8-11-7 ..... J J Quinn 94
603 413-4F0 FRAGRANT DAWN 84 (D,G,S) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-4 ..... M Dwyer 93
604 12-1211 PRECIOUS BOY 28 (D,G,S) (M Johnson) M O'Neill 5-11-2 ..... L Wyer 94
605 46-3415 IMPERIAL BRUSH 23 (S,D,BF,G,S) (P Pullon) D Elsworth 7-11-2 ..... P Holley 93
606 F-02340 BALLY RUE 84 (D,F,S) (E Kearns) J Bolger (Ire) 5-11-1 ..... Mr E Kearns (3) 85
607 11-416F VILLA RECOS 84 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-12 ..... M Pitman 92
608 5404F12 ALKINOR REX 5 (B,D,S) (M Peraticos) M Francis 6-10-10 ..... M Richards 99
609 220435 BADRAKHANI 15 (D,G,S) (W Fagan) N Henderson 5-10-8 ..... R Dunwoody 95
610 112-400 IVORS GUEST 23 (V,D,F) (Mrs E Hitchins) R Lee 5-10-0 ..... C Grant 95
611 10-F45P CYPHRATE 23 (D,S) (Alles Smith & Jones) M Pipe 5-10-0 ..... D Richmond (7) 91
612 00-P490 ARTFUL ABBOT 16 (B,D,F,S) (P Thompson) J Webber 7-10-0 ..... H Davies 90

Long handicaps: Ivors Guest 9-9, Cyphrate 9-8, Artful Abbot 9-7.
BETTING: 11-4 Precious Boy, 4-1 Imperial Brush, 9-2 Fragrant Dawn, 7-1 Bally Rue, 9-1 Villa Recos, 10-1 State Jester, Honest Word, 14-1 Alkinor Rex, 16-1 Badrakhani, 20-1 Cyphrate, 25-1 others.
1990: JUBAIL 5-10-0 R Supple (11-4 fav) K Morgan 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mrs J Pitman	10	59	16.9
Jimmy Fitzgerald	5	30	16.7
N Henderson	7	49	14.3
M H Easterby	3	22	13.6
D Elsworth	3	22	13.6
G Balding	4	30	13.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Wyer	4	15	26.7
M Bowlby	5	19	26.3
J Frost	3	13	23.1
M Pitman	4	26	15.4
G McCourt	5	33	15.2
R Dunwoody	9	61	14.8

(Not including yesterday's results)

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Sound Of Jura. 2.15 Free Form. 2.45 Late Delivery. 3.50 Red Rondo. 4.25 Balasani. 4.55 Cumrew. 5.30 Favoured Victor.

By Thunderer
1.45 Sound Of Jura. 2.15 Indian Plume. 2.45 Val's Chat. 3.50 Another Cruise. 4.25 Cabin Hill. 4.55 Farm Week. 5.30 Favoured Victor.

Brian Beel's selection: 2.45 Batease.

Going: soft SIS

1.45 BREW XI NOVICES HURDLE (£1,463: 3m 1f) (17 runners)

1 601 SOUND OF JURA 15 (G) T Forster 6-11-12 C Llewellyn
2 06 ARM IN ARM 10 F Gray 6-11-6 ..... M Crosse
3 0000 SEN THE BOBSEN 79 J Edwards 6-11-6 Judy Davies (7)
4 500 BRAMLEY EDGE 71 (S) Mrs I McKie 5-11-6 ..... J Duggan
5 3303 CLASSIC STATEMENT 79 R Lee 5-11-6 ..... W McFarland
6 -0PP CRAIGMORE 95 (V) P Bailey 7-11-6 ..... C Maude (3)
7 8456 GENEROUS SCOT 37 A James 7-11-6 ..... E Tierney (7)
8 0 GIFT LIGHTER 98 C Tritelline 7-11-6 ..... R Bellamy (3)
9 0- GROOM PORTER 380 P Leach 5-11-6 ..... S Mackie
10 2-P3 KEMYS COMMANDER 37 J Edwards 6-11-6 Mr A Farrant (7)
11 4241 KILROY 37 Miss P O'Connor 6-11-6 ..... M Read
12 U20P OCEAN ROGUE 18 (V) P Evans 10-11-6 Martin Jones (3)
13 PP48 BRIGAND GIRL 14 Mrs J Evans 9-11-1 ..... P Holley
14 00PR CHAFFA 30 Miles C Horler 9-11-1 ..... G Upton (3)
15 225P COOKS LAWN 9 C Brooks 6-11-1 ..... S McNeill
16 F6P0 LANDSKER OATS 5 Mrs A Ratcliff 5-11-1 Gee Armytage
17 8- NO EXPECTATIONS 345 K Bailey 5-11-1 A S Smith (5)

3-1 Sound Of Jura, 5-1 Classic Statement, 6-1 Kemys Commander, 7-1 Generous Scot, 10-1 Kilroy. 12-1 others.

2.15 CARLING BLACK LABEL SELLING HURDLE (£2,107: 2m) (22)

1 0-63 AMAREDO 182 (D,BF,F) M Pipe 5-11-10 .. M Foster (7)
2 0056 OCCAMIST 31 (CD,F) B Preece 8-11-10 Judy Davies (7)
3 0 BROMLEY BOY 148 B Morgan 8-11-2 ..... B Dorman (7)
4 50P0 JUST A MEMORY 7 R Manning 5-11-2 ..... G Upton (3)
5 U604 KING OF THE CLOUDS 51 D Osaman 8-11-2 .....
6 04 ROYAL ALASKA 9 P Burgoyne 5-11-2 ..... M Bosley
7 463- SHARP ORDER 435 (D,F) Miss S Wilton 6-11-2 S Davies
8 0450 SHELLY'S FOLLY 14 Mrs G Jones 6-11-2 .....
9 TENDER ALI 218F J Bradley 6-11-2 ..... N Mann
10 0660 YAMASHITA 44 F Jordan 5-11-2 ..... J Lodder
11 PP BALTANA 113 B Wells 5-10-11 ..... S Mason (7)
12 0000 DONNA'S TOKEN 14 M Brown 6-10-11 ..... J Brown
13 0362 FREE FORM 85 C Weedon 6-10-11 ..... R Guest
14 P MISS SIMONE 21F D Wintle 5-10-11 ..... A Carroll
15 065R REELING 53 P Rodford 5-10-11 .....
16 0-P0 RUTHS PRIDE 113 G Price 5-10-11 ..... Mr D Duggan (7)
17 60 STANFORD'S JOY 44 K Bailey 5-10-11 ..... I Lawrence
18 DIVILIMIT 536F C Tritelline 4-10-8 ..... R Bellamy (3)
19 06 INDIAN PLUME 22 D Burchell 4-10-8 ..... D J Burchell
20 000 WINSLOW LAD 7 T Casey 4-10-8 .....
21 30U TROJAN PLEASURE 9 D Murray Smith 4-10-3 R Beggan
22 0P YOUNG INDIA 74 D Burchell 4-10-3 ..... P Barnard (3)

7-2 Amaredo, 9-2 Free Form, 6-1 Sharp Order, 7-1 Royal Alaska, 8-1 Just A Memory, 10-1 Yamashita, 12-1 others.

2.45 BASS SPECIAL NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,347: 2m 3f) (15)

1 P/F ARENISCO 37 Mrs A Price 8-12-0 ..... C Campbell (7)
2 CERTAIN SPARK Dr P Pritchard 11-12-0 Dr P Pritchard (7)
3 056/ CHICAGO PRINCE 1284 D Smith 10-12-0 .....
4 4PP IM PRIVILAGED 3 D Bloor 7-12-0 ..... D Bloor (7)
5 5P6- KATES STAR 313 W Cauthwell 11-12-0 W Cardwell (7)
6 PF4 KELLY'S BLOOM 11 D Bloor 9-12-0 ..... G Cosgrove (7)
7 -425 LATE DELIVERY 11 David Kench 9-12-0 .. N Ridout (7)
8 2F5- PADDY'S POND 444 Clive Davies 13-12-0 Miss C Thomas (7)
9 P-PP PORTER'S SONG 18 H Hutsby 10-12-0 ..... L Lay (7)
10 23-3 THEFRIENDLYBARBER 5 Lady Susan Brooke 8-12-0 Mrs H Morgan-Jones (7)
11 P-0P TRUE HOLLOW 18 Mrs P Pile 9-12-0 ..... N Bradley (7)
12 0- VAL'S CHAT 316 M Robinson 7-12-0 K Comerford (7)
13 F BATEASE 33 Mrs J Wilson 10-11-9 ..... R Farrant (7)
14 /P2- MIKEY'S MONKEY 312 R Farrant 8-11-9. R Farrant (7)
15 STAPSTER PARK J Thomas 8-11-9 .....

9-4 Late Delivery, 4-1 Paddy's Pond, 11-2 Arenisco, 7-1 Thefriendlyberber, 10-1 Mikey's Monkey, 14-1 others.

3.50 MITCHELLS & BUTLERS SALES NOVICES CHASE (£3,824: 2m 3f) (16)

1 153F RED RONDO 7 (CD,F,G) J Edwards 7-11-11 Mr A Farrant (7)
2 6F01 ANDY BOY 5 (F) T Casey 7-11-4 .....
3 5-1F ANOTHER CRUISE 22 (F) R Price 5-11-4 B Dowling
4 64-P BE PATIENT MY SON 185 Miss C Caroe 10-11-4 A Stanford (7)
5 0F0F CASTLERICHARDKING 128 J Edwards 6-11-4 Mr R Davis (7)
6 P0P3 DISPORT 7 (F) W Wightman 9-11-4 ..... D Medgwick (7)
7 0523 ENCHANTED MAN 7 (F,S) D Burchell 7-11-4 D J Burchell
8 0480 FLUTTER MONEY 36 (G,S) Miss G Dollar 7-11-4 R Boucher (7)
9 /3F HIGH WARRIOR 11 (B,S) C Popham 8-11-4 ..... I Lawrence
10 -FPP K O'S DANCER 115 R Dickin 6-11-4 ..... D Meredith (7)
11 0525 NO DAW 6 (F) F Sheridan 7-11-4 ..... R Guest
12 0F04 REBEL HOUSE 28 (S) D McCain 8-11-4 ..... C Llewellyn
13 /F SEMAPHORE HILL 48 (F) P Hobbs 7-11-4 ..... B Clifford (7)
14 6-00 SEVERN INVADER 14 R Dickin 5-11-4 ..... Martin Jones (3)
15 66/ THE HILL 648 (G) B Smart 9-11-4 ..... J Railton
16 0-0F MOUNTAIN MUSE 75 N Gaselee 7-10-13 ..... A Adams

9-4 Red Rondo, 3-1 Andy Boy, 9-2 Another Cruise, 8-1 Enchanted Man, 10-1 High Warrior, Disport, 12-1 others.

4.25 TENNENTS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,617: 2m 3f) (18)

1 U44P FORCED MARCH 26 (G) G Balding 7-12-0 R Farrant (7)
2 3611 BALASANI 5 (C,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-8 (7ex). M Foster (7)
3 1F35 MARINERS MIRROR 14 (C,G) M Scudamore 4-11-0 S McNeill
4 4142 CELTIC CHIMES 18 (C,G) G Enright 7-10-6 R Moore (7)
5 303 CABIN HILL 15 S Christian 5-10-8 ..... A Mulholland
6 20-P WITCHES RUN 28 P Hobbs 7-10-3 ..... C Maude (3)
7 0500 STRONG SUPPORT 19 (BF) M McCourt 6-10-0 R Guest
8 -600 KEE KEE'S DREAM 95 K White 7-10-0 .....
9 F40 MAJOR KINSMAN 22 R Lee 6-10-0 ..... W McFarland
10 240- KIMACERO 515 P Evans 13-10-0 ..... Martin Jones (3)
11 04-0 CONEY DOVE 86 R Price 6-10-0 ..... B Dowling
12 4404 HOLT PLACE 18 N Smith 8-10-0 ..... W Irvine
13 -60P GREENHILLS WARRIOR 21 M Ryan 5-10-0 NON-RUNNER
14 F300 ARCTIC KEN 5 B Pelling 8-10-0 ..... D Rees (7)
15 2100 FRANCISCAN 19 (S) B Preece 4-10-0 ..... A Juckes (5)
16 5/0 BOSWORTH BAY 14 B Smart 9-10-0 ..... Lorna Vincent
17 P0-P FOREST LORD 35 D McCain 7-10-0 ..... C Llewellyn
18 0-0P ASARGAR 42 Mrs G Jones 5-10-0 ..... R Beggan

7-4 Balasani, 4-1 Mariners Mirror, 5-1 Celtic Chimes, 8-1 Forced March, 10-1 Cabin Hill, 12-1 others.

4.55 LAMOT PILS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,916: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 P113 FARM WEEK 8 (BF,F,G,S) G Balding 9-11-10. R Guest
2 36P2 CUMREW 21 (B,G,S) T Forster 11-11-0 ..... J Railton
3 63-1 FENCE JUDGE 18 (D,S) T Forster 9-10-12 ..... C Llewellyn
4 4032 PADDY BUCK 7 (CD,F,S) J Honeyball 11-10-7 S McNeill
5 2-PP BARTON RISE 67 (S) J Edwards 11-10-0 Mr A Farrant (7)
6 5F03 PITHY 5 (B,C,G) Mrs N Sharpe 9-10-0 ..... J Bryan
7 0P-F RAGENS BOY 28 (G,S) D Burchell 10-10-0 D J Burchell

9-4 Fence Judge, 5-2 Cumrew, 7-2 Farm Week, 7-1 Paddy Buck, 12-1 Pithy, 25-1 Barton Rise, 33-1 Ragens Boy.

5.30 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,057: 1m 5f) (17)

1 1R FAVOURED VICTOR 17 (BF,S) K Morgan 4-11-9 A S Smith (5)
2 FERRY ROAD M Robinson 5-11-8. Mr K Comerford (7)
3 MR PIPKIN Mrs S Hembrow 5-11-8 M A Fitzgerald (7)
4 RUSTY MUSIC R Brown 5-11-8 ..... Mr R Davis (7)
5 SCALPINO R Lee 5-11-8 ..... Leanne Eldrege (7)
6 SCOTT ELLIOTT R Eckley 5-11-8 ..... Mr A Hambly
7 WETANDRY C Jones 5-11-8 ..... Martin Jones (3)
8 CHELLY DAY Miss C Horler 5-11-3 ..... N Mann
9 HATHERLEY MEW H Knight 5-11-3 ..... G Upton (3)
10 MIDDAY MONDAY P Leach 5-11-3 ..... S Donohoe (5)
11 AAL EL AAL P Hobbs 4-11-2 ..... C Maude (3)
12 ABERLORD R Eckley 4-11-2 ..... M Courtney (7)
13 MISTER FLY M Dickinson 4-11-2 ..... Adele Jackson (7)
14 FUSSY LADY Mrs I McKie 4-10-11 .....
15 HOW DOUDOO S Christian 4-10-11 ..... M McGonagle (7)
16 MERCY STREET Miss H Knight 4-10-11 Miss C Hyde (7)
17 WATER STOCK J Spearing 4-10-11 Miss T Spearing (7)

4-5 Favoured Victor, 9-2 Hennerley, 6-1 Mercy Street, 10-1 Aal El Aal, 12-1 Mister Fly, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Enright, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; F Gray, 3 from 7, 42.9%; C Brooks, 4 from 11, 36.4%; T Casey, 5 from 17, 29.4%; M Pipe, 44 from 150, 29.3%; G Balding, 7 from 24, 29.2%.

JOCKEYS: Mr A Farrant, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; D J Burchell, 10 from 46, 21.7%; E Tierney, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R Beggan, 11 from 67, 16.4%; N Mann, 3 from 20, 15.0%; W Irvine, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

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By Mandarin
40 Blazing Fen.
10 Serious Hurry.
40 Predictable.
50 Caromandoo.
20 Interloper.
50 Daily Sport Now.

By Thunderer
1.40 Sweet Bubbles.
2.10 Serious Hurry.
2.40 Dorset Duke.
3.50 World's Creation.
4.20 Mahong.
4.50 Meet My Guest.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
0 Dorset Duke. 3.50 CAROMANDOO (nap). 4.20 Interloper.

Guide to our in-line racecard

108 (12) 9-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.50 WILLIAM HILL FIRST FOR FREEPHONE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,924) (7 runners)

1 (5) 3084-11 WORLD'S CREATION 17 (Morven Stud Ltd) B Hills 9-7 ..... D Holland (5) 99
2 (4) 41913-1 CAROMANDOO 28 (CD,F) (G Lederman) M Bell 9-5 ..... G Duffield 91
3 (3) 304- SALIC DANCE 179 (Lord Howard de Walden) P Walwyn 8-13 ..... G Carter 87
4 (7) 4601- ACCESS FLYER 140 (C) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 8-11 ..... N Day 82
5 (2) 21 CHINA BEACH 21 (S) (S Pastok) W O'Gorman 8-7 ..... A Munro 92
6 (6) 0412 WINOSKI 12 (CD) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Britain 8-4 ..... M Roberts 93
7 (1) 00-3 LORD FUTURE 21 (A Collins) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-3 ..... Dale Gibson 88

BETTING: 15-8 World's Creation, 5-2 China Beach, 9-2 Lord Future, 5-1 Caromandoo, 10-1 others.
1990: ROCK FACE 9-1 G Duffield (7-4 fav) M Prescott 6 ran

4.20 OXTED MEDIAN AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,950: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (8) 22540-5 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 14 (Mrs J Naughton) T Naughton 9-7 ..... D Holland (5) 98
2 (9) 632214 OAK PARK 2 (CD) (C Garrad) R Stubbs 9-7 ..... A Munro 94
3 (3) 4510- RUNAWAY LAD 188 (G) (G Butts) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-7 ..... W R Swinburn 86
4 (2) 6-34561 DAMAAZ 29 (V) (J Gahan) J Wainwright 9-0 ..... G Parkin (7) 86
5 (4) 036-3 INTERLOPER 9 (Ms R Hood) J Gosden 9-0 ..... G Hind (3) 94
6 (1) LACK OF EVIDENCE (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 9-0 ..... G Carter —
7 (7) 53- MAHONG 152 (R Hunter) J Hills 9-0 ..... M Hills 99
8 (6) 43260-3 ZEPPERI 7 (BJF) (J Berry) J Berry 8-7 ..... J Carroll 97
9 (5) 0-3 FRIEND OF A FRIEND 12 (Friendly Society) J Scargill 8-6 ..... J Williams 98

BETTING: 11-4 Zeppeli

Chance to win golfing day out

THE TIMES today presents the opportunity for two of our golfing readers to play on the new Edinburgh course at Wentworth in the special event preceding the Volvo PGA championship next month.

The winners of our competition will play as *The Times* team in the new Corporate Cup at Wentworth on Thursday, May 23, the day before the start of the Volvo PGA tournament.

For each of the three runners-up in our contest, there will be a prize of a day out for two people as the guests of Volvo at

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Wentworth on Sunday, May 26. They will enjoy full hospitality for the day, with lunch and a close-up view of some of Europe's finest players on the Burma Road course.

The competition is restricted to golfers with a handicap of 18 or better and who are members of a recognised golf club.

To enter, study the questions below, write your answers on the entry form and send it to: Volvo PGA competition, Sports Department, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive by Monday, April 15, 1991.

THE QUESTIONS

1. Who finished first in the Volvo European Tour order of merit last year?
2. Who was Tony Jacklin's immediate predecessor as captain of the Britain and Europe Ryder Cup team?
3. Who was the first non-American to win the US Masters tournament at Augusta?



4. Who (above) won the British Women's Open championship in 1990?
5. When was the West Course at Wentworth opened for play?
6. Who won the Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth last year?

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Faceless wonders face the hangman's drop

LAURA THOMPSON

Desert Orchid has never run in the Grand National. Arkle never ran in it either: the Duchess of Westminster would not enter him. The Grand National is the most popular of British steeplechases, probably the most popular of British horse races, yet the most popular British steeplechasers rarely take part in it.

The public, which raises hell at any suggestion that the National might be stopped, raises equally fiery hell at the suggestion that Desert Orchid might be subjected to the race.

Why should this be so? In his recent prime the horse could jump like a stag and could surely have cleared those castle wall fences with greater ease than most of the horses entered in the race.

I can conjure very easily an image of his benign acknowledgment of the ecstatic cries that would herald his felicitous gallop towards the Aintree winning post — the mythical white charger with the anthropomorphic sensibility, setting the seal upon his own mythology and that of the Grand National.

But it would seem that people could see another image more clearly. They could see the noble competitiveness of their adopted equine son belittled into a scramble for survival; could see his stag's leap muffled and broken by the jumble of felled horses and jockeys beneath his hooves; could see him stumbling exhaustedly over the 5ft 2in of The Chair; could see the smooth grey neck broken by the hangman's drop of Becher's Brook. Victory would have meant virtually deification for both horse and race. What might defeat have meant for them?

A comparable risk, in that the horse was held in similar regard, was taken in 1977 with Red Rum. He was more ordinary to look at, more workmanlike in his jumping, and he had already run four successful Nationals; still, he was greatly loved, and for the four and a half miles, nine and a half minutes of that race, I felt as sick with fear as if I were watching that madman who crossed the Niagara Falls on a tightrope.

The spectacle of Red Rum's final victory was extremely moving: one of those freakish, touched-by-God victories, like Martina Navratilova's at Wimbledon last year, like the Ashes in 1981, the sort of victory which is instantly legendary, instantly resonant beyond itself; the sort of victory which renders sport mythopoeic. In this case, however, my own gloriously melting reaction was composed of one part happiness to three parts relief. The thought "What if . . .?" still lingered.

Red Rum won his battle with the Grand National: obviously he was the right sort of horse, and he was lucky, as all great sportsmen need to be. Desert Orchid will never try his luck. He has been protected by the fact that he is not a faceless horse. But the anguish that I felt in 1977 on behalf of Red Rum, the celebrity, should have been spread far wider, to the 41 other faceless horses, ten of whom finished the course, one of whom died: canon fodder, bravely and unwittingly hurling themselves against this remorseless race.

The National simply eliminates a certain number of horses — normally about three-quarters of them — until manageable proportions are reached. This process is inexorable and indeterminate. It is also full-blooded and exciting. Exhilarated by the earthiness, the toughness, the jostling physicality, the muck-sweat, people get understandably carried away and find themselves regarding these felled horses as disposable, as dead wood, as a lost tenner.

I am not a fanatic who goes around disrobing women in fur coats. All sports contain within them the element of risk. Horses do not only die in the Grand National.

Supporters of the race can cite two cases this week — The Thinker, who was destroyed after shattering a leg on the gallops, and Smith's Cracker, who broke his neck in an Aintree hurdle race — as evidence. But that does not make it all right for horses to die in the National.

The Grand National is a great sporting tradition, one of those hardy annuals which flower every spring; like the Boat Race and the FA Cup final, it reassures that however much things change, things do not change. It is a great tradition because the British character makes it so.

It is not, as those who object to modifications to the course would have it, a great tradition because it is the hardest steeplechase in the world and because horses that win it are therefore the equine equivalent of people who walk from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Horses that win it are often incapable of winning another race. Foinavon won in 1967 because a pile-up caused by a loose horse left him to jump Becher's Brook on his own; the significance of his victory is comparable with that of a Formula One driver who wins because all the other cars have crashed into each other.

Only Red Rum has been exalted by the Grand I ional (and it by him, cidentally) whereas the C Cup makes of its victors heroes: a thought which l me to another, that the might be of better quali were less of a struggle, if t were fewer horses jum smaller fences for a sh distance.

Can the struggle reall the point, the vast bu barging together in desp quest to clear the fences churning blur of hedge turf and flank and whip tumble and trample, the for survival?

If it were people only were waging such against their own sta then I might say, all rig us see how far they can themselves, that is a sporting goal, an attem you like, to emulate tha run from Marathon to ens. But horses — horses no choice, and that f unanswerable.

GOLF

Heavy rain causes abandonment of pre-Masters event

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, HOUSTON

THE best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley. Duke Butler, tournament director, had the words of Burns as much as the sound of raindrops ringing in his ears when for the second successive day bad weather caused play to be suspended leading to the abandonment of the Houston Open yesterday.

"We did a 20-year weather study that proved this date is better than our old one which was in early May," Butler said.

More than six inches of rain in 24 hours left The Woodlands course flooded and the players frustrated. For two mornings Nick Faldo had woken to a 5am alarm call. He played one hole on Thursday, none yesterday. "They abandoned play before I had even finished my breakfast grits," he said.

Faldo is in good humour. He has Georgia on his mind with the prospect of a record third successive triumph in the Masters at Augusta National. "It's desperately unfortunate for the people here who have worked so hard for one year to put the tournament on," Faldo said, "but it's no big deal for me not to be playing. Sure, it would have been nice to get in competitive practice. But you've got to take it as it comes. It's relaxing having some time off. It simply means I go to Augusta early.

"Quite honestly I had a wicked attack of flu the week before I came out here. I didn't feel one hundred per cent until last Sunday at The Players Championship. So when I got up here I worked really hard on my game on Monday and Tuesday. I'm well golfed. I managed two hours' practice putting on Thursday during a break in the rain and I tried to be a little more aggressive. That's what I'll need to be next week."

The last occasion when a US Tour event was washed out was in 1966. Coincidentally, it was the Houston Open. Arnold Palmer suggested to all the players that they return later in the year. They did and Palmer won.

Tournament officials announced yesterday that the event would be rescheduled for October 23 to 26, which is the week before the Tour Championship at Pinehurst, North Carolina.

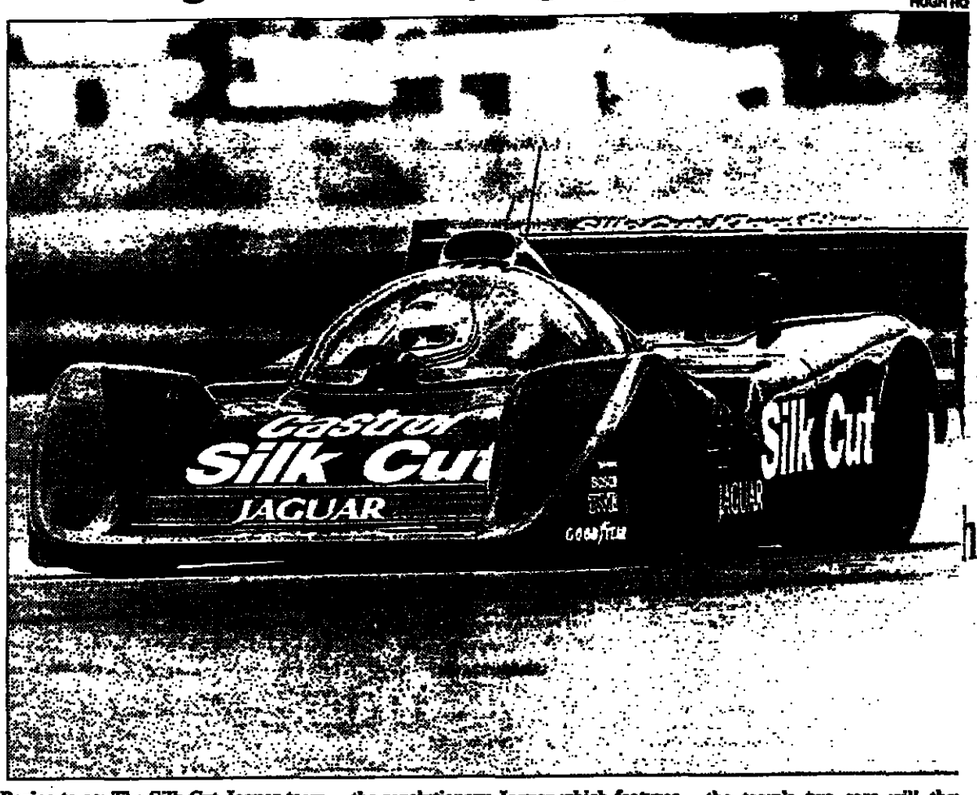
Sandy Lyle and Ronan Rafferty both accepted to compete here tomorrow weather permitting in a "scramble" competition involving 16 teams of three players. Severiano Ballesteros, José-María Olazábal and Faldo seemed more likely to move on to Augusta.

Lyle said: "The officials here have been very good to me, especially Duke Butler, so I am very happy to give them my full support. Meanwhile, Rafferty is short of competitive practice though looking forward to the Masters in which he finished joint fourteenth last year.

☐ P. J. Boatwright Jr, one of the most prominent and influential personalities in golf, has died, aged 63, following a short illness. Boatwright was for many years executive director of rules and competition for the United States Golf Association and was generally considered the world's leading authority on the Rules of Golf.

New Jaguar cuts a flying figure at Silverstone

HUGH RO



Raring to go: The Silk Cut Jaguar team leader, Derek Warwick, will be joined by the Formula One driver, Martin Brundle, when the team's new Jaguar XJR14, above, makes its racing debut at Suzuka, Japan, next weekend. Earlier this week, Warwick lapped the Silverstone south circuit faster than the grand prix cars in the revolutionary Jaguar which features advanced aerodynamics and a 3.5 litre V8 engine developed by Cosworth.

Brundle helped complete the final shakedown tests at Silverstone yesterday, before the cars are flown to Japan for the opening round of the world sportscar championship. From Suzuka, the team's two cars will then Mouza before returning to S for the Empire Trophy race on

Warwick heads the driver li the season, sharing the cars Fabi, of Italy, and John Ni Denmark. Brundle is expected selected races for the team.

Nottinghamshire pair rise to the occasion

By JOHN HENNESSY

GARY Shaw and Clive Radford, the back markers in the Central England foursomes at Woodhall Spa, successfully survived the first hurdle yesterday but fell at the next. They were beaten 4 and 3 by Tim Clarke and Terry Dilks, of Nottinghamshire, who rose handsomely above the two shots they received on handicap.

Shaw (scratch) and Radford (one handicap), the leading Derbyshire pair, gained entry for the first time and had to get through stableford qualifying, which they won with 34 points.

With Dilks, who played off five, solidly supporting his partner's scratch game, the Nottinghamshire pair took an early lead in the matchplay which they never relinquished. Radford made amends for two early lapses with a superb three-wood out of the heather for an eagle three to win the first stroke hole, the sixth, but the Nottinghamshire pair won three holes in a row from the ninth to go four up.

Radford holed from eight feet for a two at the 12th and by the 13th there was again only two holes in it. But Clarke, the outstanding player, appropriately hit the winning shot, a wedge from 120 yards out to two feet for a closing birdie at the 15th.

RESULTS: Second round: T Dilks and T Clarke (rec 2) bt G Shaw and G D Radford, 4 and 3; M Young and D Leggate bt M J Smith and C D Pyatt (rec 1), at 19th; L Walker and P Huddlestone bt D Smith and D G Fowle (rec 4), 4 and 3; M A Caswell and S J Caswell bt J A Wilson and P Christian (rec 4), 4 and 3; S J Cox and PR Birkin bt W Lattan and J P Raison (rec 5), 2 and 1; R Cole and R Beckle bt JF Bramley and K Wright (rec 4), 2 and 1; I G Black and D E Roocroft (rec 2) bt DR Baxter and LV Miller, 2 and 1; M G St Quinton and M Farrell (rec 2) bt SA Duckworth and M Warwick, 4 and 3; G D Seeley and M A Strong w/o R Farmer and DJ Palmer scr.

All but greens go down well for Nicklaus

PHOENIX, Arizona — Jack Nicklaus, the defending champion, had few complaints after the first round of the $800,000 Tradition at Desert Mountain, north of here, on Thursday (Patricia Davies writes).

"I played quite well," was the great man's assessment of his 71, one under par, which left him six shots behind Phil Rodgers, the pot-bellied, wryly humorous Californian who led after a course record 65.

Rodgers had eight birdies and found putting easy, whereas Nicklaus was disappointed with his form on the greens, having taken three putts from three feet at the 17th.

Lee Travino shot a 75.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 65: P Rodgers. 68: B Brue, D January. 69: G Player (SA), G Archer, J Dent, M Hill, B Smith, T Jacobs, C Rodriguez. 70: W Zemblaist, D Hill, J Colbert, J Cain, M Barber, D Hendrickson, T Aaron.

HOCKEY

Injuries tax Havant hopes

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

HAVANT have injury problems to solve before they face Hounslow in the Nationwide Anglia cup final at Luton tomorrow and in a crucial Poundstretcher National League match at Feltham today.

After finishing runners-up to Kampong, of The Netherlands, in the European Cup Winners' Cup at Terrassa in Spain last weekend, Havant returned home to find Garcia with an ankle injury and Nail with a groin strain. Lawson and Coleman are also receiving treatment for minor injuries.

Faulkner, however, has had the stitches removed from his left hand and Rowlands, the goalkeeper, has recovered from a shoulder injury. "It is a bit of a worry but we will do our best to field our strongest side," David Whittle, the team manager, said yesterday.

Hounslow, who were in Terrassa at the same time and had a chance to see Havant in action, won their three matches on a nearby pitch, beating the Spanish under-21 side and Atlético Terrassa twice. After the match against the Spanish juniors, Nick Gordon required five stitches in his right cheek but he will play in both matches this weekend.

Keith Rowe, the Hounslow team manager, said: "We had a relaxing weekend whereas Havant had a hard tournament and picked up a few injuries, but they have the motivation and the confidence to play well."

Havant are not only the cup holders but also the first division leaders in the National League, in which they are being challenged by Indian Gymkhana.

But Hounslow's confidence has been restored. In their last match against Atlético Terrassa they were a goal up in 19 seconds, ran up a 4-1 lead and eventually won 4-2.

The two centre forwards, Thompson, of Hounslow, and Williams, of Havant, will compete for the limelight. In the league, each has scored 13 goals and one is now as sharp as the other.

The clubs themselves will renew the rivalry which was last seen at Reading in September when Hounslow defeated Havant 4-1 to retain the Heineken Trophy. But it is the match before that which Havant prefer to remember. In the league cup final at Luton on May 6 last year they recovered after being two goals down to defeat Hounslow 3-2 in a stirring finish. If tomocrow's match is anything like that it will be a fitting climax.

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RUGBY LEA

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By KEITH MACK

WEARY Wigan limbs dragged through four games in seven days Stones Bitter champion be retained. All four ma tough ones which will Wigan's injury-racked t the limits: Castleford, and Bradford Northern tral Park and an extra h Headingley against Les Saturday.

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In the second division th fixture is at Fulham. Doncaster are the visitor match for a top-eight plac the premiership play-offs.

National treasure-trove of memory

By KEN LAWRENCE

FOR those of us who wallow unashamedly in nostalgia, this is a good weekend. For millions the Grand National which totally dominates *Grandstand* on BBC1 for four-and-a-half-hours this afternoon will rekindle memories of Red Rum, Crisp and Foinavon. For others, an earlier programme on Channel 4 will remind us of Tom Finney, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton.

The People's Game is said by its producers, Trans World International, to be "the definitive history of association football". This morning's first programme looks at the development of the game over 2,000 years. But thereafter it is pure nostalgia — rare footage of some great players and action from every World Cup.

Some of it, it has to be said, looks as though the camera was being cranked by a wooden handle, but it is a wonderfully warming journey down memory lane. There is film, never seen before, of carvings in a tomb in a remote part of China proving that here was the true cradle of football.

The People's Game traces the changes that led to association football being conceived at Trinity College, Cambridge in 1848 and finally being born in the Freemasons Tavern in London's Great Queen Street in 1863 after long meetings between the public schools, who sought to unify the game and the rules.

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

The film reveals how, in northern Honduras in 800 AD, an early form of football was played as a central part of religious belief: the losers were decapitated, their heads being used for later games. Today's use of sports psychology by rugby and football teams, tennis players and even the Cambridge Boat Race crew appears pretty mild stuff by comparison.

Even before the days of Hunter and Bremner, Stiles and Storey, football had a thirst for blood. At the final meeting in December 1863, when association football came into being, the Blackheath delegate objected to the banning of tripping, handling and shin-hacking. "This would," he declared, "do away with all the pluck of the game." And he added one final insult before heading off to help start rugby union: "I could bring a team of Frenchmen who, given a week's training, would beat you."

After today's history lesson will come the nostalgia — great goals and great players and it is thoroughly recommended.

There can hardly be a sportsman, either, without a fond memory of the Grand National. That doyen of race commentators, Peter O'Sullevan, certainly has one. In 1928 when he was only ten, but already a punter, he placed his pocket money, six old pence each way, on an outsider in the race. Tipperary Tim won at 100-1, O'Sullivan collected more than £3 and at 73 is still enjoying a love affair with the race.

This will be the 44th he has covered and he "will have a go at making it 50". Certainly things will not be quite the same when the race does not start on television with his never-changing "and they're off" introduction.

Alongside O'Sullevan will be Julian Wilson and John Hanmer; there will be 21 cameras (including one in a helicopter) and for the second time there will be cameras in the major fences. Richard Pitman and Bill Smith will have the back-up of 11 video tape machines at 4pm to allow you to see exactly where your choice fell. Around 150 BBC personnel have decamped from London to Aintree for four days ("It is like the mountain going to Mohammed," says one wag), and it will be the only *Grandstand* in the year when Des Lynam presents nothing but racing.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: *Grand National Grandstand* (BBC1 from 12.15): the race is scheduled for 3.20 with a repeat and analysis with Bill Smith and Richard Pitman at 4.0. *Ringside* (Eurosport and the Sports Channel, 8pm) comes live from Darlington, where Siza Mukhathini and James Pritchard contest the IBF inter-continental cruiserweight championship. Test cricket live from Trinidad is on the Sports Channel (1-5pm, 10-11pm, highlights at midnight). Eurosport has highlights one hour later.

TOMORROW: Highlights of the Pilkington Cup semi-finals are in *Rugby Special* (BBC2, 5.05). There is similar coverage to Saturday of the third Test on the two satellite channels.

MONDAY: *Superbouts* (Eurosport, 8pm) appears the pick of a moderate line-up.

TUESDAY: Steve Davis meets John Parrott in the semi-final of the London Masters snooker (Screensport, 11pm); live boxing precedes this at 9pm. Eurosport shows highlights (4pm) from the final pool of the European basketball championships as a build up to next week's finals in Paris.

WEDNESDAY: *Live from Poland, The Match* (ITV, 3.55pm) covers the first leg of Manchester United's European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Legia Warsaw. *Sportsnight* (BBC1, 10.20) also looks at European football and Steve Ryder, in Augusta, begins the countdown to the US Masters golf. The last day of the West Indies-Australia Test is on the Sports Channel (3-8, 9-11pm).

THURSDAY: Screensport and the Sports Channel both come live from the first day's play in the Masters at Augusta, starting at 9pm.

FRIDAY: BBC2 opens up from Augusta with Peter Alliss at 11.20pm. But live play will be on the satellite channels from 9pm.

EQUESTRIANISM

Ambitious Thomson jumps into the lead

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY Thomson, the national horse trials champion, heads *The Times*/SunSystems rider ranking table this month with a 23-point lead over Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand. The table, the official rankings of the Horse Trials Group, is calculated on a 12-month set of results from any three-day event and advanced horse trials in Britain and the international championship of the year.

Thomson, who also heads the international list, was well placed in the two trials held in March. On King Boris she was third at Kings Somborne; at Dynes Hall in Essex she was third on King William and fifth on King Samuel.

King Boris, who was runner-up at Badminton in 1989 and third last year, is her main contender for this year's Badminton — and the horse on which she hopes to be selected for the European championships in September. King William, though only eight, may also run at Badminton depending on his performance at the Belton Horse Trials in Lincolnshire this weekend.

Other Badminton contenders competing tomorrow include Virginia Leng, the European champion, Blyth Tait, the world champion, Mark Todd, the dual Olympic gold medal winner, and Ian Stark, the world silver medal winner. Leng has four rides, including Master Craftsman, her European championship partner and the winner of Badminton in 1989, and Griffin, the winner at Kings Somborne last week.

Stark intends to ride five horses in the advanced section tomorrow, including his two Badminton entries, Glenburnie and Murphy Himself, who will be having their first outings of the season. Stark said: "I decided a short, sharp preparation was best for both of them."

Belton is holding the last of the qualifiers in the TVS Pedigree Chum Super-League Series which has its final at the South of England horse trials on April 20 and 21. Leslie Law heads the league but both Thomson and Leng could overtake him tomorrow.

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Even five days before Docherty's dismissal, Burr could not bring himself to admit that the party was over, unwisely venturing the view that Docherty had "the safest job in soccer". He lived to regret that vote of confidence, as chairmen invariably do, and blamed himself, for *thrusting the responsibility of management upon Bob Pearson*, his chief scout.

No one could dispute, though, that he finally got it right when he appointed Bruce Rioch as manager a year ago this month. It was his third attempt to entice the former Scotland captain to The Den and he had Docherty to thank for advising Rioch to "take it, it's a magic job".

Burr knew Rioch well enough from their days together as director and player at Luton Town. "I know Bruce's strengths and I know his weaknesses. He's a super young man. He's organised and orderly. I predicted long ago that he would make a great manager."

Rioch, too, had few doubts, even though he appeared to be moving straight back into a similar situation from that which he had left at Ayresome Park. Like Docherty, he had taken the club into the first division only to be dismissed when results turned sour.

Furthermore, the man who lived through the threat of liquidation at Middlesbrough was moving into a club which also needed to balance its books. Millwall, Britain's second football club to have a stock-market quote, incurred pre-tax losses of £848,000 for the ten months to the end of last May.

Rioch, who believed that his predecessor "brought in good players", has found himself having to sell 11, including, reluctantly, Terry Hurlock to Rangers. Of the seven he has bought, the most expensive is Alex Rae, a midfield player from Falkirk, for £100,000.

The purchase of players was a sore issue between Burr and Docherty and it came to a head when the transfer of Paul Goddard from Derby County failed to work out, after the payment of a club record fee of £800,000. Fortunately for Millwall, Rioch managed to put that right when he received a similar sum this season from Liverpool for Jimmy Carter.

"We made the mistake last season of strengthening the squad, not the team," Burr said. "John had a squirrel-like mentality and liked to have lots of players with a certain amount of duplication in various positions. That might work at clubs like Liverpool but not for the likes of us. We won't make that mistake again."

Holding on to players could be more of a problem for Millwall should they fail in their attempt at promotion this season. Teddy Sheringham, the League's leading goalscorer with 30, is anxious to prove that Aston Villa bought the wrong player when they signed Tony Cascarino, his partner, for £1 million last season.

Sheringham has tasted the first division and wants to return. "Everything stems from there," he said. "The recognition, the money and the enjoyment of competing against the best." Burr knows the feeling.

Second division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	37	21	10	6	70	42	73
West Ham	37	20	13	4	51	26	73
Sheffield Wed.	38	17	14	5	64	40	65
Millwall	38	17	11	10	56	40	62
Brighton	37	18	6	13	59	58	60
M'brough	38	16	9	13	56	39	57
Bristol City	38	17	6	15	58	57	57
Notts County	36	15	10	11	57	50	55



Chairman's choice: Rioch has quickly turned Millwall into promotion candidates

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"Tactically, George Graham is the best manager I have ever had," O'Leary said. "He picks teams to win particular games — and if you look where we are, in the table as well as in the semi-finals of the FA Cup, then you cannot really argue.

"And before the season started, the manager told us all what he intended to do, so what he has done will come as a surprise to no one. He has told me he has been delighted with my form this season, and yet I have been left out of the past two matches."

However, O'Leary could well be reinstated to help repel a likely aerial assault from United, as Arsenal attempt to take maximum advantage from Liverpool's lack of a game this weekend.

One Arsenal player who knows he will not be picked is David Rocastle. The midfield player is expected to miss the remainder of the season after undergoing knee surgery earlier this week.

Arsenal are fresh from their 5-0 midweek win against Aston Villa, but Graham said: "We will not get carried away. Liverpool did not get carried away when they beat Derby 7-1, and we will not now. We are entering the final straight of a long race, and we are ahead. That is good, but there are still a lot of points to be won and lost before anything is decided."

At the opposite end of the table, Derby County, who are also without a game, are increasingly looking like a lost cause, and seem most likely to be joined in the second division by either Sunderland or Luton Town.

Sunderland, who occupy penultimate place, are four points adrift of Luton, but have a game in hand on the Bedfordshire club, whom they meet at Kenilworth Road in two weeks' time.

More immediately, Luton are at Chelsea this afternoon, when they will hope to extract capital from a Chelsea team selection which gives youth its chance. Durie, Clarke, Dixon and Dorigo are all omitted, creating *room for the likes of Sinclair*, having his first game at left back, and Myers, a graduate of the Football Association's national school at Lilleshall.

First division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Arsenal	31	20	10	1	58	13	68
Liverpool	31	19	6	6	60	22	63
Crystal Palace	32	17	7	8	43	38	58
Leeds Utd	30	15	7	8	48	31	52
†Man United	32	14	10	8	51	36	51
Man City	31	12	10	9	47	44	46

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WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

First division

Aston Villa v Man Utd
Butler, who is transfer-listed, replaces the injured Spink in goal for Villa. Daley and Nielsen have late fitness tests, but Platt has shrugged off an ankle injury. Kantchelskis, United's £1 million signing from the Soviet Union, has failed to arrive in England in time to start, but Robson, Hughes, and Sealey return after being rested against Wimbledon on Tuesday.

Chelsea v Luton
Chelsea are expected to drop Clarke, Dixon, Durie, and Dorigo. Sinclair could make his debut at left back; Matthew, Stuart and Myers are also possibles. Monkou (Achilles tendon) is absent. Luton add James to the squad, but, with McDonough still unfit, expect to retain the side which drew with Tottenham on Monday.

Man City v Notf'm Forest
City retain the side which won at Crystal Palace on Monday. Wilson could return to the Forest midfield after injury, Glover replaces Loughlan in attack, but Crosby, Hodge, and Jemson are still injured.

Norwich v Coventry
Power is included in the Norwich squad for the first time since Boxing Day. With Mortenson (hamstring) injured, Gordon starts in the attack. Rosario, Coventry's £600,000 signing from Norwich is in the visiting squad, but competes with Regis and Drinkell for a place in the attack.

Tottenham v Sthmptn
Lineker returns for Tottenham after a break in Tenerife, but Nayim (calf injury) is doubtful. Southampton are expected to field the side which beat Liverpool

Sheff Utd v Arsenal
Gannon returns after suspension for United, for whom Hodges plays his last game before beginning a six-match ban. Marwood is a substitute. Arsenal delay selection, although Thomas and O'Leary could be recalled.

Sunderland v QPR
Sunderland are still without Gabbiadini (groin), but Davenport could return to the attack. Ball is in central defence after suspension, but Bennett, Armstrong, and Pascoe face fitness tests. QPR welcome Ferdinand and Parker back after injury.

Wimbledon v Leeds
Although Phelan and McGee are restored to fitness, Elkins and Anthrobus are expected to keep their places for Wimbledon. Fairclough is fit and returns to the Leeds defence at the expense of McClelland.

Second division

Oldham v Millwall
Currie could start in attack for Oldham. Dawes (hip injury) is doubtful for Millwall; O'Callaghan stands by.

Port Vale v West Ham
Vale are unchanged. West Ham are without McAvennie (suspended); Quinn deputises.

Tomorrow

ZDS Cup final

Crystal Palace v Everton
Thomas and Salako are expected to pass fitness tests for *Palace. Everton are without* Ebbrell (suspended), and give Sharp a late fitness test on his knee, and Watson and Ratcliffe return after injury.

Venables gets closer to his ultimate goal

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

TERRY Venables was sitting in the bar of the Royal Garden Hotel in High Street Kensington, a glass of champagne by his side and a piece of paper in his hand. "Mmms?" he asked. "No." He drew a small line across the top of the page.

"Statham?" The answer was again negative. Another line was added below the first. Venables, shortly after taking over at Tottenham Hotspur, was supposed to be the interviewee. By astutely reversing the roles, he was emphasising how far away he was from a side capable of winning the championship.

At the end of the exercise, eight lines and one question mark indicated mutual agreement that he had fewer than three suitable individuals. Within a year of that amiable conversation Thorstvedt, Van den Hauwe, Sedgley, Walsh, Stewart, Lineker and Gascoigne had arrived at White Hart Lane.

Tottenham finished third last season, when the club's financial restrictions prevented him from buying "the one or two players" he felt he needed to challenge genuinely for the title. Venables was seething with frustration. He is not accustomed to falling short of a target.

Ever since he became at the age of 18 the first English footballer to become a limited company, he has been chasing ambitions. Capped at schoolboy, youth, amateur, under-23 and senior levels, a unique distinction, he has been in charge of three clubs for whom he played — Crystal Palace, Queen's Park Rangers and Tottenham.

Concurrent with his professional duties, he dabbled in other pursuits to occupy a mind and an energy that is not fully extended within football. Once a singer with the Joe Loss band, he is an author (under the pseudonym of P. B. Yuill), he co-wrote a television serial (Hazell) and designed a board game.

He has been accused of failing to collect domestic honours as a manager. Yet with Malcolm Allison he shaped "the team of the Eighties" at Palace, took Queen's Park Rangers to the FA Cup final and to the second division title by a margin of ten points. He guided Barcelona in his first season to their first Spanish crown for 11 years.

Recommended to Barcelona by Bobby Robson, he was brave enough to start by selling Maradona and replacing him with Archibald for a tidy profit of £5 million. The Scottish international was to feature in a memorable press conference on the eve of the European Cup final in Seville in 1986.

A Spanish journalist, convinced that the usual custom would be followed and the line-up would not be revealed, asked for it anyway before attempting at length to elicit a few clues. "The second part of your question is irrelevant," Venables said. "The team is Urruti . . ." The conference was 40 minutes old.

Archibald, considered doubtful because of injury, was startlingly preferred to Pichi Alonso, who scored all three goals in the second leg of the semi-final against Göteborg. After Steaua Bucharest won the cup on penalties, Venables recognised that his stay in Barcelona might shortly reach a natural conclusion.

When he was eventually dismissed (for the only time in his career) four games into the 1986-87 season, he faced another battery of lights, cameras and microphones belonging to the global media. "What are you going to do next?" he was asked. "Have a couple of beers."

True to his word, if numerically inaccurate, he spent the next couple of days cheerfully exchanging anecdotes and memories with a posse of English journalists. He reiterated, as he had disclosed in *The Times* six months earlier, that he was considering returning home to buy a London club.

Although offered extravagant salaries by Italian clubs, he was attracted by the logicality of his intended course. He had already been a player, a coach (widely accepted as one of the most talented), a manager, and a managing director. Why not complete the circle by becoming an owner?

"I wouldn't object to buying one of the smaller clubs," he said at the time. "My first choice would be one of the top ones but that would be out of my league financially." Not even he could have imagined that the eventual cost would be as high as £20 million.

In the middle of the present confusing and fluctuating saga at White Hart Lane, he was asked whether he had the necessary money. His reply, a quip delivered without a moment's hesitation, was characteristic of his engaging nature which hides a steely determination. "Not on me," he said.

Had the Football Association perceived him as diplomatically proper, he might last summer have been chosen as the England manager ahead of Graham Taylor.

No one would be surprised if Venables now achieves another ambition and not only takes control of Tottenham but also leads them into contention for a place in a European League, which he believes will soon be formed.

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The manager hopes that tomorrow will act as a catharsis after the pain of the replay last May. "I dislike losing. It hurts me personally, and I feel we have let people down."

Coppell feels that supporters have since failed to do their bit. He finds it "frustrating" that the team is enjoying its best season yet the average gate is only 18,936, rather than the "30,000 I had hoped for".

For Everton, as for Palace, atonement for past losses is a key incentive. Since defeating Watford in the 1984 FA Cup final Everton have reached four Wembley finals, winning none.

☐ Channel 4 television will cover tomorrow's women's FA Cup semi-finals between Arsenal and Millwall, and Doncaster Belles and Leasowe Pacific, of Liverpool. Highlights will be broadcast a week tomorrow.

☐ Jimmy Hill has taken over the day-to-day running of Fulham football club.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 6, St Louis Blues 3 (Red Wings lead best-of-seven series 1-0); Minnesota North Stars 4, Chicago Black Hawks 3 (OT) (North Stars lead best-of-seven series 1-0); Edmonton Oilers 3, Calgary Flames 1 (Oilers lead best-of-seven series 1-0); Vancouver Canucks 6, Los Angeles Kings 5 (Canucks lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Wigan 28, St Helens 14; Second division: Bramley 8, Workington 18; Dewsbury 84, Nottingham City 0; Halifax 42, Swinton 14; Carlisle 28, Trafford Borough 0

SQUASH RACKETS

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: England 3, Germany 0 (C Jackman bt S Suck, 9-4, 9-1, 9-3; P Johnson bt C Bohmenberg, 9-3, 10-9, 10-8; C Leach bt M Haus, 9-4, 9-6, 5-9, 9-3. Third place play-off: Finland 2, Ireland 1 (S Vaahtoranta lost to L Finnegan, 3-9, 9-10, 9-3; S Konstinen bt I Thornton, 9-2, 9-7, 8-9, 9-7; J Raumolin bt S Richardson, 9-7, 9-6, 9-3.

TENNIS

ORLANDO Classic: Second round:C Adams (US) bt B Shelton (US), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6; M Washington (US) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-1, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt P Baur (Ger), 6-3, 7-6; A Agassi (US) bt D Engel (Swe), 6-4, 6-4.
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: Women's tournament: Third round: L Meskhi (USSR) bt J Capriati (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp) bt H Ciont (US) 6-1, retired; J Novotna (Cz) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-1, 6-1; H Sukova (Cz) bt M Paz (Arg) 6-4, 6-0; G Sabatini (Arg) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-3, 6-2; F Bonsignori (It) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; N Zvereva (USSR) bt S Cacchioli (It) 7-6, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-3, 6-4.
HONG KONG: Quarter-finals: A Antonitsch (Austria) bt A Mronz (Ger), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt F Barrientos (Phil), 6-0, 6-1; G Muller (SA) bt M Cheng (US), 5-7, 6-3, 7-6.
DAVIS CUP: Africa Zone, Group two: second round: Kenya 2, Zimbabwe 0.

YACHTING

RYA UK Youth Championships, Largs: Race 8: 4.20: 1, B Vines, E Low (Tamesis SC); 2, C Harrison, W Kibble (Nelson Centre); 3, J Lee, S Hughes (Exe SC); 4, T Gorrod, D Collier (Weirsash SC); 5, I Jamieson, J Gay (Dalgety Bay SC). Laser Classic: 1, J Bishop (Oxford SC); 2, G Mitchell (Dechlorine SC); 3, I Clingan (RYA); 4, D Dixon (Maldon YC); 5, A Dobbs (Ullswater YC). Girls Laser Radial: 1, K Percy (Weston SC). 2, P Wilkin (Draycote Water SC). Final results (five out of six races): 4.52: 1, Vines/Low, 0.0 points; 2, Lee, Hughes 34.14; 3, Harrison/Kibble 41.4; 4, Gorrod/Collier 43.7; 5, N Wakefield/G Sayer (Bough Beech SC) 45.7; 6, Jamieson/Gay 54.0. Laser Class: 1, Bishop 11.4; 2, Mitchell 11.7; 3, Dixon 19.7; 4, Clingan 41.4; 5, Dobbs 42.0; 6, S Stubbs (Tenby SC) 57.1. Girl's Laser Radial: 1, Percy, 0.0; 2, Wilkin, 17.7.

SQUASH RACKETS

Cumings loses chance to defeat Devoy

From COLIN MCQUILLAN IN PARIS

ALISON Cumings engineered a two-game lead against Susan Devoy, the world champion, in yesterday's quarter-finals of the French Open championship, but saw victory melt away to a defeat by 15-17, 11-15, 15-3, 15-8, 15-4 when Devoy began warming the ball up between games.

"I was told afterwards that a recent rule change meant I could have stopped Susan warming up the ball when it was working *quite nicely for me cold*," Cumings said. The former British champion worked with the cold ball cleverly high into the lights and low to the tin in the first two games. The Prespex court, mounted under canvas, was at first deadeningly receptive to such an approach. The heated ball was springier.

In the men's section Rodney Eyles pressed Jahangir Khan to a tie-break in the third game which produced the most public outburst of irritation ever displayed by Jahangir.

The confrontation occurred with Jahangir leading 14-10 as Eyles pushed hard into him appealing for a let.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Men: Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-8, 11-15, 17-15, 15-1; Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-8, 15-2, 15-11. *Women:* S Devoy (NZ) bt A Cumings (Eng), 15-17, 11-15, 15-3, 15-8, 15-4; L Irving (Aus) bt D Drady (Aus), 15-10, 8-15, 15-11, 17-16; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt M Le Moignan (Eng), 15-13, 15-12, 15-12

YACHTING

Gautier regains lead

ALAIN Gautier and Christophe Auguin, the Frenchmen competing for overall honours on the last stage of the BOC singlehanded round the world race, continued to play nip-and-tuck with each other yesterday (Barry Pickthall writes).

Gautier retook the stage lead overnight but his 60ft yacht, Generali Concorde, was only ten miles ahead of Auguin's Groupe Sceta at 10am and his rival was sailing four knots faster in a better breeze.

With 4,400 miles to go to Newport, Rhode Island, Philippe Jeantot, fighting for third place, is just 50 miles astern. One of the two British competitors, Josh Hall, has regained second place in class two.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 9:50 GMT yesterday, with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class 1: Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 4,435; 2, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 4,445; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr) 4,488; 4, Atlas Regia (N Fa, Hun), 4,548; 5, Duracell (M Plant, US), 4,554; 6, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 4,573; 7, Grinster (B Read, SA), 4,685; 8, Innlesper (D Adams, Aus), 4,689; 9, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 4,697; 10, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus), 4,714. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 4,706; 2, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 4,714; 3, Project City Kids (J Boys, US), 4,740; 4, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 4,743. Corinthian class: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 4,810; 2, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 4,821; 3, Shutendoh (M Saito, Japan), 4,855.

SNOOKER

White rules waves after hair control

JIMMY White will seek out a barber today to trim the flowing locks that gave him almost as much trouble as he experienced against Ken Doherty before recovering from 3-1 down to win 5-3 in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, Co Kildare (Steve Acteson writes).

White, who suffered before lacquering his unruly curls at the interval, made a break of 69 to win the second frame but Doherty's runs of 36, 42, 51, 40, and 32, had secured the other three.

Better able thereafter to see the wood for the trees, White took the fifth frame 66-11. But in frame six Doherty, 37-0 ahead, and with a table wide open, then overhit a straightforward red, and White launched himself into the first of three successive half-century breaks of 76, 52 and 64, to secure a semi-final place.

"Doherty's real force, I've got loads of respect for him, and he can win anything he enters. The red he missed in frame six was a turning point," White said.

"I need to get back on a winning streak because I've lost it a little bit." White is the world No. 4 and was runner-up in the 1991 world championship. The finals of this year's championship begin on April 20.

Dennis Taylor, who defeated Stephen Hendry, the world champion, on Thursday, became one of Hendry's stablemates when he signed for Ian Doyle's Cuemasters management group a year after leaving the Matchroom Organisation.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J White (Eng) bt K Doherty (Rep of Ire) 5-3. Thursday's late result: J Parrott (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 5-3.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Monarchs must guard against early score

By RICHARD WETHERELL

IF THE London Monarchs are to take their unbeaten record on their first trip to the United States next week, they must accomplish two things in their World League of American Football game against Orlando Thunder this evening: they must be at their best from the first whistle and they must reduce their turnovers.

So far, they have relied on surges in the third quarter, scoring 17 points in that period against Frankfurt, and 19 against the New York Knights. Against the Knights, they also committed six turnovers.

If the Monarchs can improve, they may be able to cope with Kerwin Bell, the quarter-back for the Thunder, who are also undefeated. Bell exudes the confidence that might be expected from someone who has been twice voted the WLAF player of the week. In both their wins, Bell directed their unusual and varied offense with nine touchdown passes, five going to Byron Williams. Thunder scored touchdowns on their first possession in both games.

Larry Kennan, the head coach of the Monarchs, admits that Thunder have greater speed, *something which will be even* more pronounced if Dana Brinson does not appear. He and David Smith have shoulder injuries, and their time may be curtailed.

CYCLING

Doyle pulls out of trial

TONY Doyle has withdrawn from tomorrow's Stretford Wheelers 25-mile am-pro time trial at Congleton in which he was to have met Britain's two leading amateurs, Chris Boardman, the national champion, and his runner-up, Graeme O'Bree (Peter Bryan writes).

Before starting his road season with a new and as yet unnamed sponsor, Doyle, who will not be a member of a full team, wants to tie up a few loose ends. The sponsorship will now be announced next week.

A record entry of 21 professionals is listed for the Stretford trial, among them five of the Great Britain composite team named this week for the 1,100-mile Milk Race from May 28 to June 8. The absentee, David Baker, has decided to amass training miles during the weekend rather than have 25 miles in competition. The trial also sees the second Boardman-O'Bree clash in eight days.

Colin Sturgess, the British road and 5,000 metres pursuit track champion, has been given a clean bill of health after five weeks of tests for stomach cramps and returns to his Belgian team early next week. He expects to be racing again almost immediately.

IN BRIEF

Race rules changed

THE International Federation of Automobile Sports (FISA) announced yesterday that racing teams can enter more than two cars in all sports prototype world championship races.

In European races cars can be replaced by others using engines of the same make and all results will count for the world team championship. Cars not entered in the world championship can be accepted for the Le Mans 24-hour race on condition that they are entered by a competitor already registered in the championship.

CRICKET: Colin Wells, aged 31, has stepped down as vice-captain of Sussex.

CYCLING: Tony Doyle has withdrawn from tomorrow's Stretford Wheelers 25 miles AM-Pro time trial at Congleton.

BOXING: Terry Norris, the WBC super-welterweight champion, who defeated Sugar Ray Leonard, will meet Donald Curry, on June 1.

RUGBY UNION: The entire Didcot second team has been banned from playing again this season following the mass sending-off of 30 players when they met Pennanians.

TABLE TENNIS: Carl Prean, the England No. 1, and Jorgen Persson, the world No. 4, from Sweden, have teamed up to play for Saarbrucken in the German league from August.

REAL TENNIS: Nick Wood, the Hampton Court assistant professional, is tipped to retain his British Under-21 title at Canford School this weekend.

BOARDSAILING: Nigel Howell, of the Isle of Wight, reached *the third round* of the wave section in the professional world championship series at Maui, Hawaii yesterday.

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SPORT

Bailey keeps the punters waiting on Mr Frisk

By RICHARD EVANS

PUNTERS will wager an estimated £55 million on the Grand National today but will not know until the last moment if Mr Frisk, last year's winner, is in the line-up.

The participation of Kim Bailey's 12-year-old chaser depends on the turbulent spring weather, and his trainer is prepared to risk a fine of £1,150 for withdrawing at any time today rather than risk running on unsuitable ground.

After overnight rain, Aintree was blessed with sunshine and a drying wind for much of yesterday. The official going on the National course was changed yesterday from soft to good to soft. But further heavy showers are forecast before 3.20 this afternoon when 40 runners start the annual 4½-mile marathon.

Mr Frisk has been in exceptional form at home and Bailey is anxious to give his horse the opportunity to emulate Red Rum and win two successive Grand Nationals. "He is a definite runner at the moment. The ground is soft but not heavy, but if we get a tremendous amount of rain tomorrow and it becomes heavy he will not run. If it pours down two hours before the race and it gets very soft, I shall pull him out.

"I know I risk a fine but I would be very disappointed if that happened because I have been open throughout about his chances of running. My first duty is to look after the horse. Four-and-a-half miles in heavy ground will kill anything."

If Mr Frisk is withdrawn, Marcus Armytage will take the ride on Run And Skip. Brendan Powell, original choice for John Spearing's chaser, is out for the season after an operation to relieve a perforated stomach. The internal injury followed a nasty fall on Thursday.

A global television audience of 400 million is expected for the world's most famous steeplechase and three horses are likely to be contesting favouritism — Rinus, Bonanza Boy and Garrison Savannah, winner of last month's Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Rinus would provide Gordon Richards with his third National winner and has been prominent in the betting since the weighis were announced. Bonanza Boy, a dual Welsh National winner, has proved the most popular with punters in recent days and is the biggest loser in bookmakers' books. If Garrison Savannah won he would be the first horse since Golden Miller in 1934 to win the Gold Cup and National in the same year.

Only nine favourites have won the unique Aintree contest this century. But unfancied horses have had an excellent record since 1967 when Foinavon won at 100-1. Sixteen of the past 22 winners have been priced 16-1 or less.

Nine-year-olds have outshone other age groups, winning 31 of the 82 runnings of the race this century. However, the bookmakers believe a ten-year-old will triumph today and Corals is offering odds on the age of the winner for punters seeking an oddball bet.

Bookmakers are unceasing in their efforts to entice punters with tempting odds for all kinds of strange wagers — and betting shop visitors are only too happy to snap them up.

One punter yesterday wagered £100 with William Hill on A Tory, rider of Docklands Express, winning today's race and a Tory general election victory. He will win more than £4,300 if the double succeeds.

For those who find picking the winner a doddle, choosing the number of finishers may pose an extra challenge. Ten horses completing the gruelling slog over 30 fences is 7-1 favourite with Corals.

If you believe in remarkable coincidences, William Hill is offering 1,000-1 against the finishing order of the first three horses being the same as last year, and 500-1 against Mrs Pitman's runners claiming first, second and third.

Durham Edition, second in 1988 and 1990, is 20-1 with Ladbrokes to claim the runner-up spot for the third time.

The big betting on the National centred yesterday on soft ground horses. Envopak Token was cut from 40-1 to 28-1 after one bet of £1,000 each way and Yahoo, subject of a wager of £500 each way, was pruned from 40-1 to 25-1 by Corals.

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Horse crazy: Crammer has no shortage of admirers on his safe arrival at Aintree racecourse for today's Grand National

Gullit not for sale to Real

MILAN (AP) — AC Milan have rejected an approach by Real Madrid for Ruud Gullit, the Dutch international forward, and coach Arrigo Sacchi, a club spokesman said yesterday.

The possible transfer of Guilit and of the coach was discussed at a meeting between Silvio Berlusconi, the Milan president, and Ramon Mendoza, the Real president, on Thursday.

Mendoza is seeking a new coach and new players for in the wake of the disappointing results this season.

However, both Gullit and Sacchi could leave Milan next season, in the big reshuffle planned by Berlusconi following this year's flops in the European Cup and in the Italian league and cup.

Sacchi has led Milan to a string of triumphs in the Italian league and in the international cups since 1988 and planned to leave the team at the end of the season.

☐ AC MILAN yesterday formally appealed against the one-year suspension from European competitions imposed by Uefa last month.

FA ready to lead the way to super league

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A REVOLUTION unprecedented in the 104-year history of the Football League promises to take place on Monday. The Football Association council is almost certain to approve in principle a proposal, put forward by Graham Kelly, its chief executive, that an independent premier division containing 18 clubs should be formed as soon as possible.

The move is at present no more than a radical and adventurous idea. By the start of the 1992 season, though, the country's strongest clubs could be competing within a refined and élite system which would be a marketing man's dream and could generate untold wealth.

Money, as the 92 club chairmen have consistently illustrated, tends to talk with the loudest voice in football and none of the principal clubs could afford to refuse the invitation. It is believed that many have, in private discussions, already indicated that they would be willing to join the organised breakaway.

A so-called super league has been suggested before but always by the clubs themselves. Since the FA is courageously offering a lead and the promise of huge financial rewards, they are more likely now to feel compelled to follow.

They are convinced that for too long they have been restrained by the wishes of those in the lower divisions. The appeal of existing in an autonomous body, and so being largely in control of their own destiny, will be especially irresistible.

It is thought that Kelly will suggest that the premier division should be run not by his own organisation but by an independent figure. It would be ideally controlled by a commissioner, as is the case in the National Football League in the United States.

The fine details have yet to be settled but the door to the élite group would not be closed. Initially the top 18 clubs would qualify automatically. Thereafter, those seeking promotion would be asked to meet certain defined criteria, concerning the standard of facilities, amenities and involvement in the local community.

Clubs such as Luton Town and Wimbledon, neither of whose stadiums might be seen as adequate, would be allowed to stay, for instance, but would probably be given a limited period in which to improve their grounds. Most clubs must soon comply with the demands published in Justice Taylor's report anyway.

There will also be a clause stipulating that the clubs concerned must report financially to the governing body. The problems which have beset Tottenham Hotspur would consequently be avoided. The whole package is based on the principles under which the game has been run in what was West Germany.

The League, which would be left in control only of the remaining divisions, can be expected rigorously to oppose the plan. Yet its power is likely to be so diminished that it would not have sufficient strength to block it.

The League's own proposals, the first item on the council's agenda on Monday, are expected to be rejected. Its officials, who insist that they should have equal representation within a reformed executive committee, may find that they will be matched numerically not by the FA but by the premier division.

David Dent, the League's secretary, admitted earlier this week that the increase of the first division to 22 clubs next season, an idea promoted by a member of his own management committee, was wrong.

The benefits are so obvious as to be beyond dispute. The nation's best players, who will later this year embark on an absurdly overloaded programme, will subsequently carry an appreciably lighter burden. It should be no surprise, therefore, that Graham Taylor welcomes the prospect of a premier division.

Since there will be room in the new schedule for four free Saturdays, England's manager will spend more time with his squad before internationals. Those who doubt the significance of the national side's success should consider the interest generated during, and since, the last World Cup finals.

The clubs left out of the premier division need not be unduly concerned. The League has shown a propensity for inventing spurious competitions, such as the Zenith Data Systems Cup, merely for financial purposes. There is no reason why they should not do so to satisfy the needs of the poor.

The top of the ancient structure, largely untouched for more than a century, is at last about to be dismantled. The League, in taking an initiative last August, can claim responsibility for provoking Kelly to take action but even it could not have forseen how dramatic and historic his response would be.

☐ England were among six candidates to stage the 1998 World Cup finals as the deadline for entries neared at Fifa headquarters in Zurich last night. The other five bids came from Brazil, Switzerland, France, Morocco and India.

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Australians toil hard before the downpour

From JOHN WOODCOCK
IN PORT OF SPAIN

TRINIDAD'S traditional cricketing weather allowed only 23 overs to be bowled before tea when the third Test match began here yesterday.

In those overs, Australia made 55 for one. They had been put in, Richards remembering, no doubt, how West Indies were very soon 29 for five when they themselves batted first against England on the same ground a year ago.

The only morning stoppage came after 85 minutes and lasted for a quarter of an hour. The water-logging rain began just as the players should have been coming out for the afternoon session. In no time the outfield was flooded, though this did not necessarily mean the end of play on what is a fast-drying ground.

This is the 28th Test match Australia have played in the West Indies and the first in which they have not included a specialist spinner. When they came here for the first time, in 1954-5, Ian Johnson and Richie Benaud did most of the bowling and took their share of wickets. Now, with Stephen Waugh being preferred to Greg Matthews and Peter Taylor, their attack comprised Reid, McDermott and Hughes, with what help they would receive from Border and Waugh.

For a side one-down in the series it was an unashamedly cautious selection, indicative of the importance of their not losing again here. For the first time in two years, too, they had reason to be concerned about their batting. Not surprisingly, the Waughs became the first twins to play Test cricket, let alone in the same match. The only other brothers to have together for Austral century are the Cha and Greg, who we ground yesterday, w television.

Having had shaved, Richards toss bearing a stri blance to Marvi With the ground li ish bath, and the Qu Oval being a juic bowl on the first Richards' decision t predictable, and in over Australia los caught low down slip. Although it look pitch, there was enou Taylor to keep pla missing through F opening overs.

Australia had, in intending to bat, had the toss, having been to find how dry the They had known tha lead to a testing mot so, now, it proved. runs came mostly of edges, usually to th Ambrose beat Mars four times before him, and Boon was getting off the mark.

But there was no s Australian resolution wards lunch Taylor play noticeably bet mulating off his eventually through t off the back foot middle of the bat.

Despite threats of because of the o omission from the dian side of Bri Trinidad's young ba the crowd was a good

AUSTRALIA: First Innings
G R Marsh c Hooper b Ambrose 10
M A Taylor not out 28
D C Boon not out 6
Extras (lb 7, nb 4) 11
Total (1 wkt) 55
D M Jones, *A R Border, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, C J McDermott, M G Hughes and B A Reid to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-84.
WEST INDIES: *I V A Richards, D L Haynes, C G Greenidge, R B Richardson, C L Hooper, A L Logie, †P J L Dujon, C E L Ambrose, M D Marshall, B P Patterson, C A Walsh.
Umpires: D Archer and L Barker.

No replays at Lord's

MCC will not pursue the idea of installing giant video screens at Lord's after fewer than one per cent of the club's members responded to a request for their views on the matter (Ivo Tennant writes).

Those who did reply were evenly divided in their opinions. The idea proved more popular with members who had been to Australia during the winter.

Several felt the character of Lord's would be fundamentally changed and that Australian grounds were more suitable to screens, since they were larger. Members also felt that if screens were introduced, up-to-date scorecards would be discontinued.

Dressing down has its appeal for blazer wearer

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

Perhaps one of sport's greatest attractions for the world is the way in which it gives the old an ever-present opportunity for sneering at the young. Any time any athlete does anything at all to attract the notice of the world, he or she can be sure of the vast weight of disapproval that will follow: they never did that in my day, when the world was young and life was altogether more rosy. Sport provides absolutely endless opportunities for pomposity: what athletes wear, how they cut their hair, their intensity, their lack of intensity, and on and on.

Many of these pomposity-lovers wear blazers, administer their sports, and positively loathe the players, who daily commit the crime of being young and lusty as eagles. Let them play some kind of daft juvenile prank, and the blazer-boys turn black with wrath.

This column, then, salutes John Lombardi, president of the University of Florida, which recently staged the 48th annual Florida Relays. For it was recently revealed that the main event was accompanied by an unofficial and clandestine event organized by the athletes themselves — the second annual Nude Relays, which took place with 45 participants on an unlit track in the early hours of last Sunday.

The New York Times Service reported that Lombardi's response was: "In the range of crises that confront us, I can't say that I put that at the top of my priority list. I'm sure there's something wrong with it, but I haven't found out what it is yet. Next year I'll be more vigilant. Maybe they'll issue me an invitation. I don't know that I'd run, but I'd come and watch." Congratulations to Villanova University, Pennsylvania, which reportedly won the Nude Relays.

● *It's Grand National Day: and it's also high time this column gave a winner. My racing snout, leaping like a person inspired from his brilliant new horse after a five-mile session, dived to the telephone to recommend Rinus to win, and Docklands Express each way.*

One of the toughest jobs in sport must be the manager of the Albanian national football team. Their last foray abroad saw them lose 4-0 in goals and 7-0 in players. They started with a squad of 16 and returned with a mere nine. The match was against France in the European championship. The defections took place across the face of Europe: three players defected before the game, at a stop-over in Switzerland. Four more made their getaways in Paris: Josef Cjercji picking up one of the season's odder footballing injuries when he was struck by a car and slightly hurt as he made his break.

The event of the year kicks off today. The women's rugby World Cup starts with four matches in Wales, but the competition has not advanced this far without a slight problem or two. For example, they lost the entire Soviet squad. The players, who had already regretfully informed the organisers that they would be unable to pay for their own food and accommodation, failed to turn up on the expected aeroplane.

Their greeters were later told that they would be on a following flight. This was cancelled. For a while no one knew if they had arrived or not, or where they were. They finally showed up yesterday morning. A 15-seat mini-bus was there to take them away — but unfortunately, only six of the squad were able to get into it. They are very big ladies indeed. One of them is 6ft 4in. Finally they were all squeezed into two mini-buses. At least we can now understand their problems with paying for their own food.

I hear hot news from the New Zealand squad. Naturally, they wanted to exploit the New Zealander's traditional psychological advantage by performing the haka before every game — this being the Maori war dance. In the more straight-laced Maori circles, the idea of women performing a haka is as difficult to handle as the idea of women playing rugby is in other enclaves of tradition. Indeed two players in the New Zealand party, a Samoan and a Cook Islander, have been refused permission to perform the haka by their tribal leaders. But times change: and a Maori chief has given the other women full permission to haka their opponents into submission before every match.

Meanwhile, the Japanese side threatens to be the team of the tournament. It includes players who stand at four feet nine and every player on the wears a scrum-cap. Indeed, been told that the Tokyo team all play in *pink* scrum That's one for the All Bla copy.

History has been m sumo wrestling. Th nual spring grand tournament featured an American bout at this, the level of the Japanese ga games. The wrestlers in qu were both Hawaiian. Akebo up-and-coming star, took mighty 37-stone Konishik put it another way, this was Rowan against Salevaa Atisanoe. Akebono won, upset, for Konishiki is the ranked foreigner ever to sumo. "It's like a dream true," Akebono said.

● *Good taste special: dur time-out at a Miami Heat b ball game on February 28, B the team mascot, chased former dressed as an Arab, him in the middle of the cour him up and led him away hangman's noose.*

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